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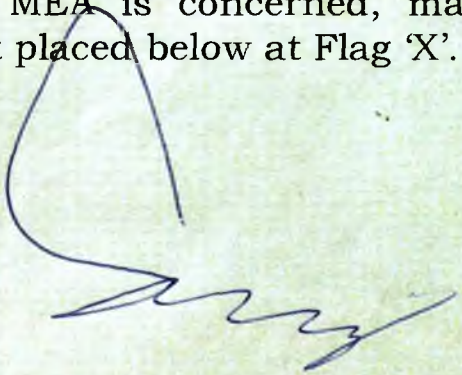
No. 25/4/NGO-Vol XII
Ministry of External Affairs
(NGO Section)

Subject: Status Report of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI).

Reference letter no. JMCI/STAT.REPT/99-2000/33a(II)/97(4), dated July 05, 2004 (FR) received from them Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) regarding Status Report for the period 1.6.2004 to 30.6.2004.

2. Parawise comments, including current status on various issues, in so far as MEA is concerned, may please be seen in the statement placed below at Flag 'X'.

Submitted pls.


Section Officer (NGO)
August 17, 2004

DIRECTOR (CNV)

*Thanks, might amendment re. data table.
We can then forward copy to JMCI.*

Sd/- (CNV)

Final letter to JMCI, enclosing an amended statement is placed below for signature pls.

Sd/- (CNV)

Sd/- (CNV)

Enclosure

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No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII (part file)
Ministry of External Affairs
(NGO Section)

Subject : Ashes & other remains of Subhas Chandra Bose- reference to a photocopy of note dated 2.12.1954 of Sri MO Mathai indicating receipt of a small amount of Rs.200/- alongwith ashes and other remains of Netaji by Minister of External Affairs from the Embassy of India in Tokyo.

Reference letter dated 26.8.2004 (FR) received from Secretary, JMCI on the above subject.

2. Considerable efforts were made to search the old records. A 'Permanently Recorded' file No. 25/4/NGO-Vol-I has been located, which contains correspondence on the subject of 'Netaji' dating back to 1951 to 1954. This file is placed below as linked file for perusal.

3. The note dated 2.12.1954 of Sri MO Mathai referred to in JMCI's letter (FR), indicating receipt of '**a small amount of Rs.200/- alongwith ashes and other remains of Netaji by Minister of External Affairs from the Embassy of India in Tokyo**' may be seen at page 218 in the noting portion of the linked file (F/ "A").

Submitted for JS(CNV)'s perusal please.

JS(CNV)
 24/11/04
SO(NGO)

JS(CNV)

There seems to be no indication on file that the information contained in the linked file [No.25/4/NGO-Vol.I] has been shown to either the Khosla Commission or the present JMCI. It is proposed that instead of showing the whole file to JMCI, we only answer the questions posed by the Secretary of JMCI in his letter of 26 August.

2. We would inform the JMCI that the alleged ashes of Netaji were received for the Ministry of External Affairs by the Embassy of India in Tokyo from Mr. S.A. Nair, former Director of the Information Office of Netaji's Independent Indian Government and Shri Ramamurthy, Member of the Indian National Army, along with some charred remains of jewellery purportedly taken from the plane crash in Formosa and Japanese Yen 20,000 which was converted to Rs.200/- mentioned in the note of Shri M.O. Mathai dated 2.12.1954.

3. The ashes were received by the Indian Mission in Tokyo at the Renkoji Temple. However, the then Ambassador of India informed the Head Priest of the temple that he was leaving the ashes in the care of the temple until such time when a decision had been taken by GOI on what to do with them. We can also add that as far as we are able to ascertain, the ashes are the same as that are presently in the custody of the Renkoji temple in Tokyo.

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4. Separately, JMCI has in their communication to Home Ministry, mentioned this issue as one of the reasons for the need to extend their term beyond 14 November 2004.

5. There is a possibility that after receipt of our reply, JMCI may also request that the file be shown to them. We can then decide on what portions we may show.

6. For concurrence *before reply to JMCI is sent.*



(L.D. Ralte)
Joint Secretary (CNV)
25 October 2004

~~JS (EA)~~

1. I would endorse the approach suggested in para 1 of JS(CNV)'s note above, though we should be prepared to share with JMCI the relevant papers as and when they ask for them.

2. I would suggest that the reply to JMCI be more detailed than what has been suggested in paras 2-3 above. Given the sensitivity of the subject, JS(CNV) may wish to show the draft reply to F3 and obtain his approval.

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~~JS (CNV)~~

P.T.D. →

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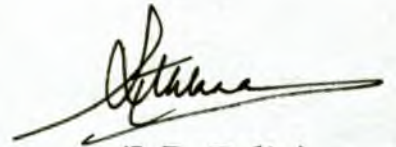
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Ministry of External Affairs
[CNV Division]

Re. notes prepage / "FR"

As suggested by JS (EA), draft reply to Secretary, JMCI on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is placed below for approval. It is quite certain that the Commission will request to see our file once they have received our reply. It is proposed that we may show the file to them and share copies of any documents they may wish to have. I have gone through the file and as such do not see any objectionable material that would require to be kept out of JMCI's views.

2. For approval please.



(L.D. Ralte)
Joint Secretary (CNV)
3 November 2004

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JS CNV

Yes Sir

Pls amalgamate
with main
file

Solanki

Ex. Sec 2/11/11

JS (CNV) has asked to see this file
submitted place

Ex. Sec

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Mr. [unclear]

Solanki

JS (CNV)

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Shankar Sharma
Solanki

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Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

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Subject: Information sought under the RTI Act, 2005

Shri Anuj Dhar has sought information about the alleged ashes and remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. This information was conveyed to the Justice Mukherjee Commission Inquiry vide our letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated November 5,2004. .

We may forward a copy of the letter mentioned above to Shri Anuj Dhar for his information.

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Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

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Subject: Information sought under the RTI Act, 2005

Shri Chandrachur Ghose has submitted an application to the Prime Minister Office under the RTI Act seeking information about the alleged ashes and remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. PMO has sent this application to the Ministry of Home Affairs who has forwarded the same to this Ministry for reply.

X / A similar application was filed by Mr. Anuj Dhar with this Ministry and a reply was sent to him through JS(Information)&PIO.

We may give the same reply to Shri Chandrachur Ghose.

DFA submitted please.

Md
10/11/06

SO(NGO)
JS(CNV)

Reference note above.
It may be seen that Sh. Dhar and Sh. Chandrachur Ghose belong to the same organization, Netaji Mission, date of application and the information sought by both applicants are also same but one sent to PMO and other to us initially.

We may, therefore, request JS (Infm & CP10) to forward the same reply, as conveyed to Sh. Anuj Dhar earlier, to Sh. Ghose also.

Draft reply submitted for approval.
10/11/06

JS (CNV)

Issue done
10/11/06

Re issue with enclosure.

10/11/06

JS (CNV)

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Subject: Appeal under RTI Act.

Shri Anuj Dhar had filed an application under RTI Act, seeking information about ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The available information has already been provided to him. The reply in the matter which was furnished to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry was also provided to him.

Shri Anuj Dhar has filed an appeal regarding information furnished to him as he is not satisfied with the information provided to him. The information available in this Ministry has already been provided to him.

Draft reply to Shi Anuj Dhar is submitted please.

Me
17/4/07

SO(NGO)
JS(CNV)

The relevant papers are in a separate volume which is under submission to JS (EA) since 20.1.2007. It is regretted that the information to Appellate Authority has still not been submitted.

Submitted, Please.

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Have consulted with AS(PP) & Appellate Authority (RTI) regarding Shri Dhar's application. Information sent to AS(PP) after consultation with JS(EA) is placed on file for forwarding to Shri Dhar appropriately. File with JMCI Report (3 volumes) returned.

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Ajai Choudhry
Additional Secretary

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No. RTI/551/115/2006

02 March, 2007

To,

Shri Anuj Dhar,
263, Kangra Niketan,
Vikaspuri,
New Delhi - 110 018

Sub. : Appeal over application No. RTI/551/115/2006 regarding receipt of "the ashes and other remains of Netaji" by the External Affairs Minister in 1954.

Sir,

This is with reference to your appeal regarding application No. RTI/551/115/2006 regarding receipt of "the ashes and other remains of Netaji" by the External Affairs Minister in 1954.

Regarding the information requested by you, the information available on our files is as under:-

1. The Indian Liaison Mission in Tokyo had conducted some investigations and reported that the ex-President, Indian Independence League, Japan had confirmed to the former Director of the Information Office of Netaji's Independent Indian Government that he himself received the ashes of Netaji in September 1945 and entrusted them to the custody of Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.
2. The Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple wrote to the then Prime Minister Shri Jawaharlal Nehru on 23.11.1953 that he has been keeping the ashes of Netaji since 18 September, 1945 and the Indian Mission in Tokyo under instructions from the Government of India took over possession of the alleged ashes of Netaji at the Renkoji Temple. However, so that the ashes were not disturbed, with prior arrangement of the Japanese Foreign Ministry and the temple authorities, an understanding was reached that the alleged ashes of Netaji would remain in the Renkoji Temple until the Government of India has taken a decision. According to the reports from the Indian Mission in Tokyo, the ashes were preserved in a small box of about 9 inch by 6 inch, which seem to be either made of tin or wood. This was kept in a cupboard in the temple premises and taken out and placed between two candles when visitors desire to see the same.
3. As far as this Ministry is aware, the alleged ashes and remains are still at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Ajai Choudhry)
Appellate Authority,
Right to Information Act, 2005

N.O.O.

✓ Copy, for information, to JS(CNV), MEA.

A Choudhry
(Ajai Choudhry)

D. Sharma
02/03/07

JS(EA) 5/3
SO(Ngo) 18/3

:3:

As discussed, enclosed please find the information available on file regarding handling of the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Tokyo in the early 1950s and its present whereabouts. As suggested by JS (EA), this information, which has also been conveyed to the Honourable Justice Mukherjee Commission, has been suitably para-phrased and may be forwarded to Shri Anuj Dhar.

RS

[Debnath Shaw)
Joint Secretary (CNV)
01 March 2007

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AS (PP) & A.A (RTI)

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Ministry of External Affairs
CNV Division

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With regard to the information requested by Shri Anuj Dhar, the information available on our files is as under:

- (i) The Indian Liaison Mission in Tokyo had conducted some investigations and reported that the ex-President, Indian Independence League, Japan had confirmed to the former Director of the Information Office of Netaji's Independent Indian Government that he himself received the ashes of Netaji in September 1945 and entrusted them to the custody of Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.
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- (iii) As far as this Ministry is aware, the alleged ashes and remains are still at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

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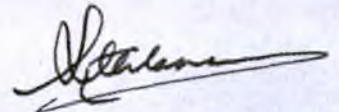
Subject: Appeal under Right to Information Act, 2005 by Shri Anuj Dhar.

Shri Anuj Dhar has sought information under the RTI Act about the ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The reply in the matter which was furnished to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry in this matter was also provided to Shri Anuj Dhar.

Shri Anuj Dhar has filed an appeal as he is not satisfied with the information provided to him.

Shri Anuj Dhar may please be conveyed the following in reply to his appeal:

- a) the available information sought in the application has already been provided to him, copy enclosed.
- b) The para (ii) of the appeal does not constitute information as it seeks anecdotal reply.



(L.D. Ralte)
Joint Secretary(CNV)
15.02.2007

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Chief Public Information Officer,
MEA.

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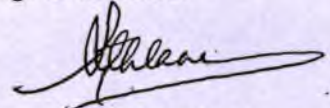
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Ministry of External Affairs
(NGO Section)

Subject: Information sought by Shri Anuj Dhar under Right to Information Act, 2005 on "Ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Shri Anuj Dhar has sought information about Receipt and Disposal of the Ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. The following information may please be conveyed to Shri Anuj Dhar:

The information about alleged ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was conveyed to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry vide our letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated November 5, 2005 which is available in the report of JMCI submitted to the Government of India in May 2006. Copy of the relevant page is enclosed.



(L.D. Ralte)
Joint Secretary(CNV)

1/11/2016

JS(Information & CPIO)

02.12.1954 of Shri M.O. Mathai which was endorsed to the then Joint Secretary (AD), Shri Prem Krishan under P.M.'s Sectt. U.O. No. D/S 13170 dated 02.12.1954 as could be found in the photocopy of the top secret File No. 23(11)/56/57/PM of the P.M.'s office (Political Section) on the subject, "INA Treasure" wherefrom it appears that the Ministry of External Affairs received a small amount of Rs.200/- and odd along with the ashes and other remains of "Late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose" from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo and the Director (CNV) has been requested to report on the following points :

- i. When and under what circumstances were the alleged ashes of Netaji received by the Ministry of External Affairs from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo as mentioned in the aforesaid note dated 02.12.1954 ?
- ii. Where were the ashes and other remains mentioned in the said note dated 02.12.1954 preserved ?
- iii. If not preserved, what did happen to those ashes and remains ?

In d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated November 5, 2004 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it has been stated inter alia :
 "The Indian Mission in Tokyo under instruction of New Delhi took over possession of the alleged ashes of Netaji at the Renkoji temple. However, with prior arrangement of Japanese Foreign Ministry and the temple authorities, the ashes were not disturbed with the understanding that they would remain so until a decision has been taken by the Government of India". The merit of the aforesaid reply, given by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to the Commission's queries mentioned above, will be considered by the Commission in due course.

- 8 The Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has again been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/106 dated 12.07.2004 to take effective steps so that the File No.10/22/CM-68 is sent to the Commission without any further delay. He has also been requested that if the contents of the said file are still classified as Secret, the competent authority should be moved so that the file may be made available to the Commission at least for the perusal of the Hon'ble Chairman as has been done earlier in the case of more than one file in respect of which privilege has been claimed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. . The response of the Ministry is still awaited.
- 9 By Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/228 dated September 28, 2004, the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been furnished with a xerox copy of an article in Bengali titled, "Netaji 'Your Criminal', Nehru wrote to Attlee" authored by Shri Samit Dutta, a retired Director of the C.B.I., and published in the Dainik Statesman, dated 19.09.2004 wherein Shri Dutta has referred to one report dated 23.05.1946 sent by Mr. Danovan of American Consulate in Bombay (Mumbai) to the Home Secretary of the Government of the USA allegedly based on the information given to Mr. Danovan by his 'source'. The English translation of the said article has been sent to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of

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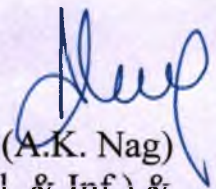
No. RTI/551/115/2006
Ministry of External Affairs
(RTI Division)

Subject: Appeal under Right to Information Act, 2005 by Shri Anuj Dhar.

Please refer to this Division's note of even number dated 12th December, 2006 forwarding you an appeal dated 28-11-06 of Shri Anuj Dhar seeking information about "the ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" and requesting your comments in the matter for the consideration of Appellate Authority to enable him to take a fair decision (copy enclosed). The reply is to be given to the applicant within one month under the provisions of RTI Act. The delay may entail penalty. The time of one month is already over but we have not heard anything from CNV Division.

2. The attention of CNV Division is invited to the provision of section 5(5) of the RTI Act according to which the officer whose assistance has been sought to get the information shall be treated as the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer as the case may be.

Encl.....As above


(A.K. Nag)

Joint Secretary (Wel. & Inf.) &
Central Public Information Officer
08-02-2007

JS (CNV)

*I am sure we
had given a reply to this.
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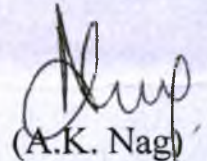
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Ministry of External Affairs
(RTI Division)

Subject: Appeal under Right to Information Act, 2005 by Shri Anuj Dhar.

Shri Anuj Dhar resident of 263, Kangra Niketan, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110 018 has made an appeal to Additional Secretary(Inf.) & Appellate Authority of our Ministry against the decision of CPIO not to provide him the full information about "the ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose". A copy of his appeal is enclosed herewith.

2. It is requested that your comments in the matter may kindly be conveyed for the consideration of Appellate Authority to enable him to take a fair decision.

Encl.....As above


(A.K. Nag)

o/c Joint Secretary (Welfare & Inf.) &
Central Public Information Officer
12-12-2006

JS (CNV)

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To

28 November 2006

Shri Rinzing Wangdi
Secretary (ER) and Appellate Authority
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block, New Delhi -- 110001

Recd. today in
my office. For m...
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A. S. Barwa
A.S. + Appellate
Authority

Subject: Appeal over Application No RTI/551/115/2006 regarding receipt of "the ashes and other remains of Netaji" by the External Affairs Minister in 1954

Dear Sir

This pertains to an application I had filed on 3 October 2006 on the basis of a copy of a December 1954 note signed by the Private Secretary to then Prime Minister and External Affairs Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The note (UO No D/S 13170) was attached to the application for ready reference. It succinctly stated that "the ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" were "received by the Minister of External Affairs from our Embassy in Tokyo".

In this context, I requested Shri E Barwa, Joint Secretary (Information) & Central Public Information Officer, to let me know:

- i) How these "ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" were disposed off after their receipt in India by then Minister of External Affairs.
- ii) Why was this information about the receipt of the "ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" not conveyed to the people of India in general, and the Bose family in particular?
- iii) The present whereabouts of the "ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" with supporting documents, if they have been preserved. And in case they have been destroyed, or surreptitiously sent back to Tokyo, relevant documents thereof.

In his reply dated 3 November 2006, Shri Barwa referred to an extract from DO letter No.25/4/NG0-Vol.X11 dated 5 November 2004 from Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs. This extract stated that "the Indian Mission in Tokyo under instruction of New Delhi took over the possession of the alleged ashes of Netaji at the Renkoji temple" and that they "were not disturbed". That is, they were not brought to India.

I would like to submit that Shri Barwa's response does not fully answer my queries. In fact, it has landed me in confusion as the information furnished is diametrically opposite to the content of the aforementioned note, the genuineness of which is not in question.

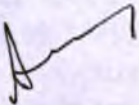
Comment by JS (CNV)

In view of the above, I am requesting you to kindly clear the air and provide categorical answers to the following 3 questions, which are more or less what I had put to Shri Barwa.

- 1) Whether certain "ashes and other remains of Netaji" were ever received in India by Pandit Nehru, who was also the External Affairs Minister?
- 2) If yes, how were they disposed off, and why was the information about their receipt withheld from the people of India in general and Netaji's family in particular?
- 3) If the alleged ashes of Netaji "were not disturbed" and allowed to remain at the Renkoji temple in Tokyo, what is the *raison d'être* of UO No D/S 13170 dated 2.12.1954?

I will be grateful to you for the answers.

Thanking you



Anuj Dhar
263, Kangra Niketan
Vikaspuri, New Delhi - 18



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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

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No.RTI/551/145/2006

Dated:- 16th November 2006

Shri Chandrachur Ghose,
J-1839, CR Park (1st Floor),
New Delhi-110 019.

Subject:- Information sought under RTI Act, 2005 on "Ashes and other
Remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Sir,

Please refer to Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi's letter No.11012/62(A)/2006-Cdn dated 7th November, 2006 forwarding your application dated 03-10-2006 to this Ministry about your seeking information under RTI Act, 2005 from Prime Minister's Office on the above mentioned subject.

2. As desired, the requisite information is furnished below:-

"The information about alleged ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was conveyed to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry vide our letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated November 5, 2005 which is available in the report of JMCI submitted to the Government of India in May 2006. Copy of the relevant page is enclosed."

Yours faithfully,

Encls.....As above

Shri
Mukherjee

sd/-
(E. Barwa)

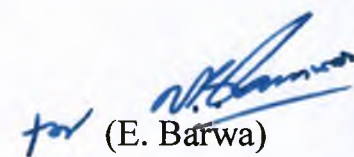
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Central Public Information Officer

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Copy for information forwarded to Shri S.C. Bardhan, OSD(Security), Ministry of Home Affairs, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110 003 with reference to his above mentioned letter.

2. ✓ Shri L.D. Ralte, JS(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi with reference to his note No.25/4/NGO-XII dated 10.11.2006.


(E. Barwa)
Addl. Secretary (Information) &
Central Public Information Officer

PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

A small amount of Rs. 200/- and odd was received by the Minister of External Affairs from our Embassy in Tokyo along with the ashes and other remains of the late Shri Subhash Chandra Bose. This money is being kept in the External Affairs Ministry.

2. I have consulted the Prime Minister about this and he agrees that this amount might be transferred to the INA Relief Fund. The Ministry might get into touch with the General Secretary of the AICC, 7 Jantar Mantar Road, New Delhi, and have this money transferred to the INA Fund. A receipt might be obtained for the Ministry's record.

M.O. Mathai
(M.O. Mathai)
2.12.1954.

JS(AD) - Shri Prem Krishen.

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Security Division

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Shri Chandrachur Ghose,
263, Kangra Niketan,
Vikaspuri,
New Delhi-110018.

Subject: Matter relating to ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 7.11.06
I am to request you to contact Shri L.D. Ralte, JS(CNV), Ministry of
External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi for getting necessary information
in the above matter, under R.T.I. Act, 2005

Yours faithfully,

sd/- (S.C. Bardhan)
Officer on Special Duty(Security)

Copy to: Shri L.D. Ralte, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External
Affairs, South Block New Delhi.

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(S.C. Bardhan)
Officer on Special Duty(Security)

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RTI MATTER
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No.25/4/NGO-XII
Ministry of External Affairs
(NGO Section)

Subject: Information sought by Shri Chandrachur Ghose under Right to Information Act, 2005 on "Ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Shri Chandrachur Ghose of Netaji Mission has sought information under RTI Act, 2005 from Prime Minister's Office about Receipt and Disposal of the Ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

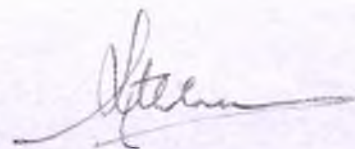
2. A copy of the application made by Shri Chandrachur Ghose to PMO is enclosed for your information. The applications has now been forwarded by Ministry of Home Affairs to this Ministry for necessary action.

3. It may be mentioned that the information sought by Shri Chandrachur Ghose is exactly the same as asked by Shri Anuj Dhar recently and the date of application is also same i.e. 3.10.2006. Both of them belong to the same organization called Netaji Mission located at 263, Kangra Niketan, Vikaspuri, New Delhi.

4. The following information may please be conveyed to Shri Chandrachur Ghose:

"The information about alleged ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was conveyed to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry vide our letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated November 5, 2005 which is available in the report of JMCI submitted to the Government of India in May 2006. Copy of the relevant page is enclosed."

JS(Information & CPIO)


(L.D. Ralte)
Joint Secretary(CNV)

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No. 11012/62(A)/2006-Cdn
Ministry of Home Affairs
Security Division

Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market,
New Delhi - 3, dated November 7, 2006.

Shri Chandrachur Ghose,
263, Kangra Niketan,
Vakaspuri,
New Delhi - 110 018.

Sub: Matter relating to ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Sir,

I am to refer to your application dated 3rd October, 2006 received from the Prime Minister's office with their endorsement dated 27th October, 2006 on the above subject and to say that as the entire incident took place in the Ministry of External Affairs, you may take up the matter with that Ministry. Your application is, therefore, transferred to Ministry of External Affairs for appropriate action in the matter under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005..

Yours faithfully,

(S.C. Bardhan)
Officer on Special Duty (Security)

✓ Copy with a copy of the above application along with its enclosures is forwarded to Shri L.D. Ralte, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi.

Copy also forwarded for information to Shri Kamal Dayani, Director & CPIO, Prime Minister's Office, New Delhi, with reference to his endorsement No. RTI/219/2006-PMA dated 27.10.2006.


(S.C. Bardhan)
Officer on Special Duty (Security)

We can give the
same reply we gave to
the Netaji matter. Right?
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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

South Block,
New Delhi 110 011

No. RTI/219/2006-PMA

27-October-2006

To,

Shri Chandrachur Ghose,
J 1839 CR Park,
First Floor,
New Delhi 110 019.

Subject : Matters relating to Ashes of Netaji Subhas Bose.

Sir,

I am to refer to your application dated 3rd October, 2006 on the above noted subject and to say that this Office has no records pertaining to the receipt of ashes of Netaji in India by the then Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs. Such records may be available with Ministry of Home Affairs, which is the nodal Ministry in respect of the subject under consideration. Your application is, therefore, transferred under Section 6 (3) of the Right to Information Act to Ministry of Home Affairs for appropriate action. You are, therefore, advised to get in touch with Central Public Information Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs for further information in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Kamal Dayani)
Director &

Central Public Information Officer
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Copy along with copy of the application under reference forwarded to:-

Shri M.M. Chopra,
Deputy Secretary &
Central Public Information Officer,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Lok Nayak Bhavan,
New Delhi 110 003.

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Sent. N.Y.



Shri Kamal Dayani
Central Public Information Officer
Prime Minister's Office
South Block
New Delhi 110011

3 October 2006

Subject: Application under Section 6 of Right to Information Act of 2005, regarding receipt and disposal of the "ashes and other remains" of Subhas Chandra Bose.

Dear Sir

I would like draw your attention to the attached copy of a note from a classified Prime Minister's Office file. The note, which was exhibited by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, states that "the ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" were received from "our Embassy in Tokyo" by the Minister of External Affairs.

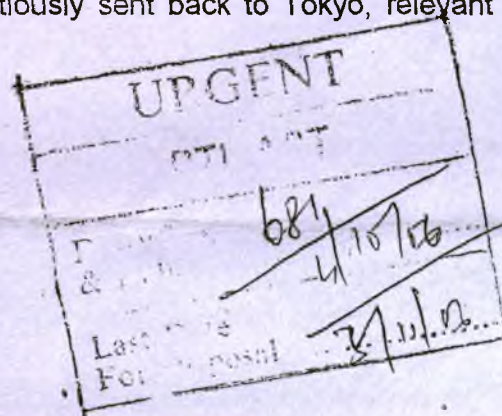
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- iii) The present whereabouts of the "ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" with supporting documents, if they have been preserved. And in case they have been destroyed, or surreptitiously sent back to Tokyo, relevant documents thereof.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Chandrachur Ghose
Chandrachur Ghose
J 1839 C R Park (First Floor)
New Delhi 110019



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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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e/c ———
(M.O. Mathai)
2.12.1954.

JS(AD) - Shri Prem Krishen.

PM's Secy 4/2/54 8/5/54 13/7/54 21/12/54

*Certified to be the
Xerox copy of page no. 19
of File no. 23(II)/56-57 PM-INA Treasure;
Exhibit 240.*

Chatterjee
18/08/54
C. M. CHATTERJEE

Court Master
Justice Mukherjee Commission
of Inquiry Calcutta
11A, Mirza Ghalib St.
Calcutta-700087

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RECEIPT

No. 31/XIX

Dated 3/10/2006

Received from Shri Chandrachud Ghose with

Letter No. nil Dated 3/10/2006

the sum of Rupees Ten only

in Cash/by Cheque on account of RTI
by Bank Draft

.....in payment of.....

Rs. 10/-

Initials
प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय
Prime Minister's Office
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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

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No.RTI/551/115/2006

Dated 3rd November, 2006

Shri Anuj Dhar,
263, Kangra Niketan,
Vikaspuri,
New Delhi- 110 018.

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sir,

Please refer to your application dated 3rd November, 2006(received on 03-10-06) seeking Information under Right to Information Act, 2005 about Receipt and Disposal of the "Ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose". The requisite Information is furnished below.

2. The information about alleged ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was conveyed to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry vide our letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated November 5, 2005 which is available in the report of JMCI submitted to the Government of India in May, 2006. Copy of the relevant page is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

Encl...As above

(E. Barwa)

Joint Secretary (Information) &
Central Public Information Officer

Copy for Information to: Joint Secretary (CNV) with reference to their Note No.25/4/NGO-XII dated 1-11-06.

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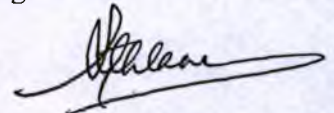
No 25/4/NGO/XII
Ministry of External Affairs
(NGO Section)

Subject: Information sought by Shri Anuj Dhar under Right to Information Act, 2005 on "Ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Shri Anuj Dhar has sought information about Receipt and Disposal of the Ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. The following information may please be conveyed to Shri Anuj Dhar:

The information about alleged ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was conveyed to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry vide our letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated November 5, 2005 which is available in the report of JMCI submitted to the Government of India in May 2006. Copy of the relevant page is enclosed.



(L.D. Ralte)

Joint Secretary(CNV)

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JS(Information & CPIO)



02.12.1954 of Shri M.O. Mathai which was endorsed to the then Joint Secretary (AD), Shri Prem Krishan under P.M.'s Sectt. U.O. No. D/S 13170 dated 02.12.1954 as could be found in the photocopy of the top secret File No. 23(11)/56/57/PM of the P.M.'s office (Political Section) on the subject, "TNA Treasure" wherefrom it appears that the Ministry of External Affairs received a small amount of Rs.200/- and odd along with the ashes and other remains of "Late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose" from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo and the Director (CNV) has been requested to report on the following points :

- i. When and under what circumstances were the alleged ashes of Netaji received by the Ministry of External Affairs from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo as mentioned in the aforesaid note dated 02.12.1954 ?
- ii. Where were the ashes and other remains mentioned in the said note dated 02.12.1954 preserved ?
- iii. If not preserved, what did happen to those ashes and remains ?

In d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated November 5, 2004 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it has been stated inter alia :
 "The Indian Mission in Tokyo under instruction of New Delhi took over possession of the alleged ashes of Netaji at the Renkoji temple. However, with prior arrangement of Japanese Foreign Ministry and the temple authorities, the ashes were not disturbed with the understanding that they would remain so until a decision has been taken by the Government of India". The merit of the aforesaid reply, given by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to the Commission's queries mentioned above, will be considered by the Commission in due course.

- 8 The Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has again been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(TV)/106 dated 12.07.2004 to take effective steps so that the File No.10/22/CM-68 is sent to the Commission without any further delay. He has also been requested that if the contents of the said file are still classified as Secret, the competent authority should be moved so that the file may be made available to the Commission at least for the perusal of the Hon'ble Chairman as has been done earlier in the case of more than one file in respect of which privilege has been claimed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. . The response of the Ministry is still awaited.
- 9 By Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/228 dated September 28, 2004, the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been furnished with a xerox copy of an article in Bengali titled, "Netaji 'Your Criminal', Nehru wrote to Attlee" authored by Shri Samit Dutta, a retired Director of the C.B.I. and published in the Dainik Statesman, dated 19.09.2004 wherein Shri Dutta has referred to one report dated 23.05.1946 sent by Mr. Danovan of American Consulate in Bombay (Mumbai) to the Home Secretary of the Government of the USA allegedly based on the information given to Mr. Danovan by his 'source'. The English translation of the said article has been sent to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of

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No.RTI/551/115/2006
Ministry of External Affairs
(RTI Division)

Subject: - Information sought by Sh. Anuj Dhar under Right to Information Act, 2005.

We have received an application dated 03rd October, 2006 from Shri Anuj Dhar resident of 263, Kangra Niketan, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110 018 seeking Information under Right to Information Act, 2005 about **Reciept and Disposal of the "Ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose"**. A copy of his application along with its enclosures is enclosed for ready reference.(In this connection your earlier reference No. 25/4/NGO-V dated 23-8-2006 refers)

2. It is, therefore, requested that the requisite Information may please be furnished to this Division to enable us to provide the same to the applicant.

Encl....As above



(E. Barwa)

Joint Secretary (Information) &
Central Public Information Officer
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Joint Secretary (CNV)

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Dy. No. 687.../JS (Infma)/2006
Dated 3/11/2006

263, Kangra Niketan, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018
e-mail : administrator@missionnetaji.org

Shri E Barwa, CPIO
Room No 818, Akbar Bhavan
Chanakyapuri
New Delhi 110021

Subject: Application under Section 6 of Right to Information Act of 2005, regarding receipt and disposal of the "ashes and other remains" of Subhas Chandra Bose.

Dear Sir

I am writing to you on behalf of Mission Netaji, a Delhi-based Trust conducting research on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

I would like draw your attention to the attached copy of a note from a classified Prime Minister's Office file. The note, which was exhibited by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, states that "the ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" were received from "our Embassy in Tokyo" by the Minister of External Affairs.

I would be grateful if you kindly let me know:

- i) How these "ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" were disposed off after their receipt in India by then Minister of External Affairs, presumably Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru himself.
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Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Anuj Dhar
263, Kangra Niketan,
Vikaspuri, New Delhi -110018

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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E/C *[Signature]*
(M.O. Mathai)
2.12.1954.

JS(AD) - Shri Prem Krishen.

PM's Secy 4/2 No 215/13170 Dt 2/12/54

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of File No. 23(II)/56-57 PM-INA Treasury;
Exhibit 240.*

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18/08/04
C. M. CHATTERJEE
Court Master

Justice Mukherjee Committee
of Inquiry Calcutta
11A, Mirza Ghalib St.
Calcutta-700087



L.D. Ralte
Joint Secretary (CNV)

No. 2574/STO - Vol. XII

Dear Shri Sengupta,

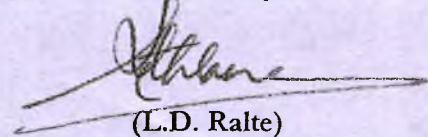
Please refer to your DO No. JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(TV)/170 dated 26 August 2004 with which you have enclosed a photocopy of a note written by Shri M.O. Mathai in Prime Minister's Secretariat on 2.12.1954.

2. With regard to the questions raised in your above letter, information that we are able to glean from our permanent record files are:

- (i) The Indian Liaison Mission in Tokyo had conducted some investigations and reported that Mr. Ramamurti (ex-President, Indian Independence League, Japan) had confirmed that Mr. S.A. Nair (former Director of the Information Office of Netaji's Independent Indian Government) and himself received the ashes of Netaji in September 1945 and entrusted them to the custody of Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.
- (ii) Separately, the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple wrote to the Prime Minister in November 23, 1953 that he had been keeping the ashes of Netaji since September 18, 1945. The Indian Mission in Tokyo, under instructions from New Delhi took over possession of the alleged ashes of Netaji at the Renkoji Temple. However, with prior arrangement of Japanese Foreign Ministry and the temple authorities, the ashes were not disturbed with the understanding that they would remain so until a decision has been taken by the Government of India. According to the reports from the Indian Liaison Mission in Tokyo, the ashes were preserved in a small box about 9 inch by 6 inch which seemed to be either tin or wood. This was kept in a cupboard in the temple and taken out and placed between two candles whenever visitors came to see the same.
- (iii) As far as Ministry is aware, the alleged ashes and remains are still at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,


(L.D. Ralte)

Shri Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
B Block, 3rd Floor,
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata.

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L.D. Ralte
Joint Secretary (CNV)

No. 2574/1520 - Vol. XII

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI
5 November 2004

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Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
B Block, 3rd Floor,
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata.

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L.D. Ralte
Joint Secretary (CNV)

No.

3 November 2004

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(L.D. Ralte)

**Shri Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
B Block, 3rd Floor,
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata.**



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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
(Former Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)
Secretary

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Appointed by the Govt. of
India, Ministry of Home Affairs
'B' Block (3rd floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

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Fax : 033-2252-2765
e-mail : jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in

D.O.No.JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/170

August 26, 2004

Dear *Sri Ralte,*

Sub: Ashes and other remains of Subhas Chandra Bose

Enclosed please find a copy of the photo copy of a note dated 2.12.54 of Sri M.O.Mathai which was endorsed to the then J.S.(AD) Sri Prem Krishen under Prime Minister's Secretariat U/O no. D/S 13170 dt. 2.12.54.

The Commission came across this photo copy of the note dated 2.12.54 of Sri M.O. Mathai in the photo copy of the top secret file no. 23(11)/56-57-PM of the Prime Minister's Office (Political Section) on the subject "INA Treasure".

From this note dated 2.12.54 it appears that the Minister of External Affairs received a small amount of Rs.200 and odd along with the ashes and other remains of "Late Sri Subhas Chandra Bose" from our Embassy in Tokyo.

From the note referred to above it is not clear as to the date or year of receiving the amount of Rs.200 and odd along with the alleged ashes and other remains of Subhas Chandra Bose by the Minister of External Affairs from the Embassy in Tokyo.

I am directed to say that the Commission likes to know as early as possible:-

- i) When and under what circumstances were the alleged ashes of Netaji were received by the Minister of External Affairs from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo as mentioned in the aforesaid note dated 2.12.54 ?
- ii) Where were the ashes and remains mentioned in the note dated 2.12.54 were preserved ?
- iii) If not preserved, what did happen to those ashes and remains ?

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An early reply will be highly appreciated.

With best wishes,

Yours

Sincerely,
P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Mr. L.D.Ralte
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block, New Delhi 110 001

No.JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/170/1 dt.26.8.04

Copy along with copy of the enclosure forwarded to the Secretary, Prime Minister's Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi-110001 for information. It is requested that the clarifications sought for in respect of the note dated 2.12.54 of the PMO may kindly be furnished as early as possible.

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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M.O. Mathai
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2.12.1984.

JS(AD) - Shri Prem Krishen.

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No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII (part file)
Ministry of External Affairs
(NGO Section)

Subject : Ashes & other remains of Subhas Chandra Bose- reference to a photocopy of note dated 2.12.1954 of Sri MO Mathai indicating receipt of a small amount of Rs.200/- alongwith ashes and other remains of Netaji by Minister of External Affairs from the Embassy of India in Tokyo.

Reference letter dated 26.8.2004 (FR) received from Secretary, JMCI on the above subject.

2. Considerable efforts were made to search the old records. A 'Permanently Recorded' file No. 25/4/NGO-Vol-I has been located, which contains correspondence on the subject of 'Netaji' dating back to 1951 to 1954. This file is placed below as linked file for perusal.

3. The note dated 2.12.1954 of Sri MO Mathai referred to in JMCI's letter(FR), indicating receipt of '**a small amount of Rs.200/- alongwith ashes and other remains of Netaji by Minister of External Affairs from the Embassy of India in Tokyo**' may be seen at page 218 in the noting portion of the linked file (F/ "A").

Submitted for JS (CNV)'s perusal please.

SO(NGO)

JS(CNV)

g/c Su. SK
21/10/04

By Regd. Post with A/D.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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NO. JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/246 Kolkata, dated, 25th October'04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Mr. L.D.Ralte,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

Jy. no. 2739
Sent to S.O. (CNV)
on 31.8.04.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter
No. JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/170 dated 26.08.04
with a copy endorsed to the Secretary, Prime Minister's
Secretariat, Government of India. and to say that reply
thereto is yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly
expedite reply.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

By Regd. Post with A/D.

No. JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/246(1). Dt. 25.10.04.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary, Prime Minister's
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-110001 for information with the request for kindly expediting
the reply as solicited in the endorsement of the Commission's
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L.D.Ralte
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII

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18 September 2004

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Copy for information to :-

Shri Umesh Kalra, Director, NCB-II Section, Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, N.Delhi, w.r.t the aforementioned letter received from JMCI.

Sd/-
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O/c *By* *18/9/04*

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№ 5954 ДА

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6» октября 2004 года

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г. Москва

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**Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation**

No. 5954/2DA

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Moscow, October 6, 2004

**Embassy of the Republic of India
Moscow**



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T.P.Seetharam
Deputy Chief of Mission &
Deputy Permanent Representative
to UN-ESCAP

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No.BAN/POL/103/6/03

October 11, 2004

Dear Ralte,

Kindly refer to your fax message No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated October 1, 2004 regarding proposed visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) team to Thailand and other countries in the region. We have noted the requirements mentioned in your message and are taking appropriate action.

We have ascertained that Mr. Kapasi, who is the only person who responded to the public notice in this regard, and would be in a position to give information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, will be in Bangkok during the period 15-30 November 2004. We await the firm programme of the JMCI team to proceed further in the matter.

Regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)
(T.P. Seetharam)

Shri L.D. Ralte,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

JMCI has
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informed

Copy by by: Director (CNV), MEA.

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October 19, 2004

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D.O.No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/251

October 29, 2004

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Mr. Ralte,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated September 18, 2004 regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Russia. This letter of September 18, 2004 was received at this end on **October 26, 2004**.

Drawing your notice to the second para of the above-quoted letter, I am to say that no copy of the note received by the Indian Mission in Moscow has been received at this end along with your above-quoted letter. In fact, your d.o. letter has been received at this end without any enclosure.

I would, therefore, request you to kindly send a copy of your note referred to in the second para of your above-quoted letter dated September 18, 2004.

With best wishes,

Yours

(Signature of P.K. Sengupta)

(P.K. Sengupta)
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Mr. L.D.Ralte
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D.O.No.JMCI/Overseas Witnesses/2000-01/83(III)/243

October 14, 2004

*Pl. pr. replies
received in Jan.
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With *best wishes,*

Yours *Sincerely,*
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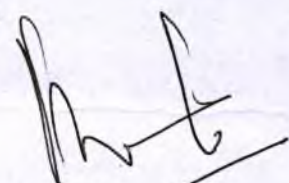
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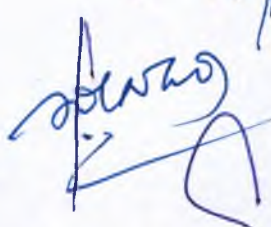
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Reference earlier correspondence in regard to a proposed visit by Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Enclosed is a self-explanatory note verbale received from the Russian Foreign Office, alongwith its unofficial English translation.

kind regards,


(Virander Paul)
First Secretary (Pol)
October 13, 2004



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Biren Nanda

Deputy Chief of Mission

J.S. (EA)'s OFFICE

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September 29, 2004.

Dear *Ashok*,

I refer to your letter No. 25/4/NGO-XI dated September 25, 2004 regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and its enclosure addressed to the Ambassador of India in Berlin.

In your letter paragraph 3 addressed to Ambassador Rangachari, you have conveyed that the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has decided to conduct the DNA test of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Renkuji Temple in Tokyo.

In this connection, we would like to mention that the Embassy has not so far, received any such communication from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. We would be grateful if you could clarify the position so that the Mission is not remiss in this matter.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Biren Nanda)

Shri Ashok K. Kantha
Joint Secretary (EA)
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block
New Delhi.

Nothing on the DNA tests after Justice Mukherjee's call on EAM. They are presently busy preparing for Taipei and some other S.E.A. countries.

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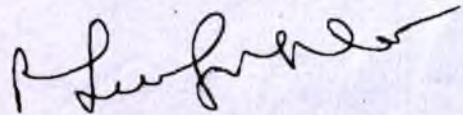
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October 19, 2004

Copy forwarded for information to

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(P.K. Sengupta)
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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/OVERSEAS WITNESSES/2000-01/83(III)/242

October 14, 2004

From : **Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.)**
Secretary.

To
Sri U. K. Kalra,
Director (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India, North Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Proposed Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Taipei and some other countries of Asia in November 2004.

Ref: Your letter no. I/12014/2/2004 NCB2 dated 08.10.2004 and the Commission's letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III) dated 27.09.2004.

Your above-quoted letter sent by fax in response to the Commission's letter dated 27.09.2004, as quoted above, was received at this end on 12.10.2004.

As regards item no. (i) of your above-quoted letter, I am directed to say that the Commission is still under the impression that the Embassies of India in the concerned countries will be requested by the Ministry of External Affairs to do the needful for the proposed visit of the Commission to those countries, as was done on the occasions of the visit of the Commission to the U.K. and Japan. In pursuance of the discussions I had with Sri L. D. Ralte, Director (CNV), MEA about the subject on 09.09.2004, a copy of the above-quoted letter dated 27.09.2004 was endorsed to him for information and necessary action. Prior to that also the Ministry of External Affairs had been requested to make necessary arrangements for visit of the Commission through the Embassies of the concerned countries as was done for the visits of the Commission to the U.K. and Japan.

As regards Taipei, the Commission has already approached, as advised by the MEA, the India Taipei Association for all logistics arrangements including accommodation and transport.

As regards item no. (ii) of your above-quoted letter, I am directed to say that for the earlier two visits of the Commission it was not required to furnish information in the four-page proforma sent by you or any such proforma. In point no. (ii) of your above-quoted letter the Commission has been asked to send to you the 'Expenditure Proforma of Approval of deputation', duly filled in and signed, to enable you to process the matter. I am directed to say that the Commission has been taken by surprise by this short of request as

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communicated in your above-quoted letter. I am further directed to say that it is not clear as to how the proposed visit of the Commission abroad for the purposes of its inquiry in pursuance of a decision taken by the Commission can be treated as deputation by the Government. Be that as it may, I am directed to say that the second point of your letter is under consideration of the Commission and a suitable reply will be given in due course.

Yours faithfully,

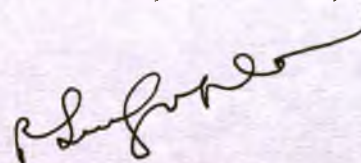


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October 14, 2004

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(P.K. Sengupta)
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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
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October 14, 2004

Dear

En. Ralte,

I am directed to request you to refer to the correspondence regarding the visit of the Commission to Taipei and some other countries in Asia and let the Commission know whether further information and feed-backs have been received from Bangkok, Saigon, Singapore, Malaysia regarding names, addresses, etc. of the witnesses, if any, who may be examined by the Commission during its proposed visit to those countries.

With best wishes,

Yours

Sincerely,
P. K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
 Secretary

Mr. L.D.Ralte,
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October 14, 2004

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(P.K. Sengupta)
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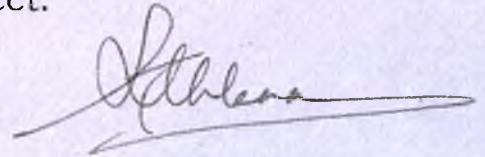
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**Ministry of External Affairs
(NGO Section)**

**Subject: Extension of term of Justice M.K.Mukerjee
Commission of Inquiry beyond 14.11.2004.**

MHA may kindly refer to their U.O. note no. VI/11034/18/98-IS(V)/NCB-II, dated 17.09.2004 and 13.10.2004, seeking inputs for processing case for further extension of term of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) beyond 14.11.2004.

2. Parawise comments on items relevant to the Ministry of External Affairs are given in the enclosed sheet.



(L.D. Ralte)
Joint Secretary (CNV)

✓ Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri U.K. Kalra, Director, NCB-II Section), North Block, New Delhi.

MEA U.O no. 25/4/NGO-Vol XII, dated 21 October 2004

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ANNEXURE

**CURRENT STATUS OF VARIOUS ISSUES PERTAINING TO MEA RAISED IN
JMCI LETTER NO. JMCI/ADMN/99-2000/32(ii)/196 DATED 07
SEPTEMBER 2004**

PARA 6 (a):

JMCI query regarding result of inquiry initiated by the Viceroy [Official paper-bearing No.5190- an extract from a Note of Discussion between Lord Wavell, the then Secretary of State and R. Arthur Henderson held on 27 August 1945]

• **PRESENT STATUS IN MEA:**

Relevant details and copies of documents obtained from our Mission in London, as indicated below, were forwarded to JMCI vide our letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII, dated September 30, 2004.

Details :

A representative of our High Commission in London made visits to the British Library and National Archives to obtain information on the issues raised by the JMCI. An exhaustive search was made with the help of Research Advisers at both the places, to locate the relevant information, on the electronic, microfilms as well as printed material like old files and books. However, the representative could not find any relevant material relating to the Inquiry initiated by the Viceroy as mentioned in document no.5190. Similarly, there was no mention about Netaji or the INA in the secret files from Churchill's private office papers that were available at the National Archives. The following papers having some information on Netaji and the INA were photocopied and have been passed on to the JMCI:-

- Extract from New Scotland Yard Report No. 305 dated 29.8.45
- Extracts from Note by Military Intelligence dated 14.9.45
- Loose Minute of MI2 regarding Death of Netaji dated 20.1.47
- Statement of Mr. Yoshimi, Medical Captain of the Imperial Japanese Army on the death of Netaji

PARA 6 (b to g) & PARA 7 (a to c):

These matters appear to have been handled in MHA / PMO files under Khosla Commission.

**JMCI LETTER NO. JMCI/RECORDS/NI 99-2000/37(IV)/170 DATED 26
AUGUST 2004**

*[Regarding photo-copy of note dated 2.12.1954 of Shri
MO.Mathai.....]*

• **PRESENT STATUS IN MEA:**

Available records in MEA are being scrutinized and reply is being processed separately in this regard.

JMCI LETTER NO. JMCI/EO/2002003/83 (iii)/93 DATED 28.06.2004.

[Regarding confirmation whether Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple has been formally requested to make available the alleged ashes to the experts.....]

- **PRESENT STATUS IN MEA:**

JMCI has already been informed vide Ministry's letter no. 25/4/NGO-XI dated 31 May 2004 that Rev Mochizuki, the Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo had conveyed to our Ambassador in Tokyo that even though he has reservations from the spiritual angle, he has no objection to a DNA test being conducted on the mortal remains in his custody. It was further conveyed that if the DNA test confirms the remains to be those of Netaji, he would be willing to hand over to India the casket containing the ashes, but he would also like to keep a portion of the remains in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

JMCI was also informed therein that a formal request would be made to the Head Priest, once the decision to conduct the DNA test is finalised.

- **PROPOSED VISIT OF JMCI TEAM TO RUSSIA**

The Indian Embassy in Moscow had initiated action for making arrangements for the visit as required by the JMCI. The Russian Institute of Oriental Studies, Moscow who had been approached for a meeting, had requested that the dates of the JMCI team's visit be reconfirmed urgently, particularly in view of the scheduled meeting that was slated to take place at the Institute on September 22, 2004. The Institute had emphasised that an earliest possible reconfirmation on this would assist them in sending out in time, invitations to concerned scholars for the meeting. It was been pointed out that many of these scholars are from places outside Moscow.

Subject to final convenience of the JMCI team to arrive in Moscow on September 21, 2004, the meeting at the IOS, Moscow was tentatively scheduled on September 22, 2004 while the meeting with Prof. Y.V.Vassilkov of IOS in St.Petersburg was scheduled on September 23, 2004.

Our Mission in Moscow was awaiting confirmation from the Russian Foreign Office with regard to the JMCI request for access to Archives in Russia at that time [The Russian Foreign Office has subsequently informed that the information sought on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was not found in the **Central Archives of the Federation Security Service of Russia**- This has been conveyed to JMCI].

It was informally conveyed by Secretary JMCI that the visit of the team to Russia was being postponed indefinitely and that the Team's visit to only select Asian countries viz. Singapore, Taipei, Saigon, Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur, was being contemplated from November 15-30, 2004.

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- **PROPOSED VISIT OF JMCI TEAM TO SINGAPORE, TAIPEI, SAIGON, BANGKOK AND KUALA LUMPUR FROM NOVEMBER 15-30, 2004.**

Our Missions in **Singapore, Hanoi, Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur** were informed of the proposed visit of the team and have been requested to make all necessary logistic arrangements like accommodation, transport etc. Both MHA and JMCI have also been regularly updated with the feedback received from the respective Indian Missions, as under:-

BANGKOK:

While confirming that the requisite arrangements will be made for the team's visit, our Mission in Bangkok has also conveyed that one Mr. Kapasi, who is the only person to have responded to the public notice issued by the Mission, will be in a position to give information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and will be in Bangkok during the period 15-30 November, 2004.

SINGAPORE:

Meanwhile our Mission in Singapore has indicated that no worthwhile purpose is likely to be served by the proposed visit of the JMCI team, as the Mission does not have any substantive meetings to arrange. The following reasons have been cited in this regard:-

- The Notices brought out by the Mission in the English, Tamil and Mandarin language dailies in Singapore in October 2003, did not elicit any significant response, except for a phone call from a local resident who conveyed that he had already submitted his views and evidence to Justice G.D.Khosla in 1971. A copy of his evidence received by fax in the Mission was forwarded to JMCI vide No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.X, dated 24 February 2004.
- The Singapore Foreign Ministry had also separately informed our High Commission in Singapore that they did not have any information regarding the existence of an Indian National Army office in Singapore.
- The Mission had made unsuccessful attempts to contact Mr. Joseph C.Pereira, a Singapore national who had provided feedback to our Mission in Ho Chi Minh City on the family of Mr. Gerald De Cruz (personal assistant to Netaji in Saigon during the period 1943 to 1945) and author of the book "Kojak Rebels". [It may be mentioned here that our Mission in Yangon, Myanmar is making efforts to obtain a copy of the said book from Mr. Gerald De Cruz's son- Mr. Simon Tensing De Cruz who is presently Singapore's Ambassador to Myanmar].

JMCI has been requested to reconsider its plan to visit Singapore. In case, it was felt that the team should indeed visit Singapore, JMCI has been requested to identify and intimate in advance, the specific meetings that are being sought by the team during its stay there, so that the Mission could be advised accordingly.

KUALA LUMPUR:

As regards the visit to Kuala Lumpur, it is pointed out to JMCI that the National Archives of Malaysia (NAM) had clearly conveyed to the Indian High Commission in March 2004, that it was unable to furnish any information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. This was done after the Mission had taken up the matter **again** with the National Archives of Malaysia. A copy of the response received from the NAM was forwarded to JMCI vide letter no. D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated March 29, 2004. Earlier, Ministry had informed JMCI of the demise of Shri Amrik Singh Gill, formerly a member of the Indian National Army who was reported to be living in Kuala Lumpur.

While the Mission had indicated that it will once again make an attempt to contact the National Archives of Malaysia and Shri Dato G.S.Gill (brother of deceased Shri Amrik Singh Gill) for more information, JMCI has been requested to identify and intimate in advance, any other specific meetings that are being sought by the team during its stay in Kuala Lumpur, so that the Mission could be advised accordingly. It has been conveyed that the Mission will make logistic arrangements like accommodation, transport, reception etc. for the JMCI team on receipt of the final travel programme.

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No.VI/11034/18/98-IS(V)/NCB-II(Part-II)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

New Delhi, dated the October, 13, 2004

To

- (1) The Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi. (Attention: Shri L.D. Ralte, Director(CNV))

Subject: Extension of the term of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry beyond 14.11.2004.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 17.9.2004 forwarding letter No.JMCI/Admn/99-2000/32(II)/196, dated 07.9.2004 on the subject mentioned above and to say that the Commission has sought extension on various grounds/reasons showing pending issues against MEA, PMO, MHA, and NAI.

It will be very much appreciated if the comments/views on the issues/reasons concerning your Ministry/Departments may be furnished to this Ministry to enable us to take further action in the matter.

This may be treated as **Most Urgent**.

Yours faithfully,

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DIRECTOR

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No.VI/11034/18/98-IS(V)/NCB-II(Part-II)

Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

New Delhi, dated the September, 17, 2004

To

- ✓ (1) The Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi. (Attention: Shri L.D. Ralte, Director(CNV))
- (2) P.M. Office,
South Block,
New Delhi. (Attention: Shri V. Vidyavathi, Dy.Secy.)
- (3) National Archives of India,
New Delhi.

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No. JMCI/ADMN/99-2000/32(II)/196

September 07, 2004

From **P.K. Sengupta**
Secretary

BY REGISTERED POST WITH A/D

To
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Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
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Sir,

I am directed to refer to Commission's letter No. JMCI/Admn./99-2000/32(II)/443 dated February 17, 2004 addressed to you soliciting further extension of the term of Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for one year beyond May 14, 2004 for reasons explained and referred to in the said letter including those mentioned in Annexures 'B' and 'C' attached thereto. By Notification No. S.O.575(E) dated May 14, 2004 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) dated May 14, 2004, the term of the Commission was extended for a further period beyond May 14, 2004 but not later than November 14, 2004.

2. I am directed to state that the Commission is not in a position to complete its inquiry within November 14, 2004 as most of the reasons stated and referred to in the Commission's aforesaid letter dated February 17, 2004 as also stated in its earlier proposals for extension of the term of the Commission, still hold good.
3. Though some of the hurdles could ultimately be removed in the past by diligent and persistent endeavours of the Government of India on being untiringly pursued by the Commission for months after months and sometimes for years together, quite a number of other hurdles as explained and referred to in the Commission's letter

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No JMCI/Admn./99-2000/32(II)/443 dated February 17, 2004 are yet to be removed notwithstanding similar untiring and prolonged pursuance by the Commission.

- 4 I am also directed to draw your attention to the matters of sub-paras (a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(g), and (i) of para 7 of the Commission's aforesaid letter dated February 17, 2004 as also to the matters in para 3 of the Commission's Status Report for June, 2004, and paras 4(a) and (b), 5, 7(a) and (b), 9, 10, and 14 of its Status Report for August, 2004, which if read with the matters mentioned/reiterated in paras 5, 6, and 7 herein below, will fully explain why the inquiry of the Commission has essentially become a highly time-consuming exercise. Extracts of relevant paras of the Status Report for August, 2004 are enclosed.
5. Some of the Files/Records/Documents of the Government of India which could not ultimately be furnished by them to the Commission in spite of persuasion by the Commission are noted below :-

- (a) File No.12(226)/56-PM reg: "Investigation into the circumstances leading to the death of Subhas Chandra Bose".
- (b) 33 papers/notes from PMO's file No.23(156)/51-PM reg : "Disposal of properties of the INA in the Far East."
- (c) "Some further contemporary official documentary records" as admitted by Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India on the floor of the Lok Sabha on August 28, 1978 to "have also become available" (Reg : Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose).
- (d) The original notes and documents (or authenticated copies thereof) the extracts from which are available in the INA File No.273 lying with the National Archives of India. The said file relates to the alleged death of Netaji on August 18, 1945 in a plane crash at Taihoku.
- (e) The original or authenticated true copies of the documents/files/records produced/filed/made exhibits before Khosla Commission and the affidavits filed by the Government of India before the said Commission.
- (f) Volume Nos. XX and XXI of Justice Khosla Commission as also signed and authenticated Vol. Nos. I to XVIII, XIX and XXII of the said Commission.

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- (g) Almost all original records of the proceedings of Shāh Nawaz Khan Committee of Inquiry and almost all the evidence recorded by it and the documents produced/made exhibits before the said Committee.
- (h) File No 21(381)/60-66-PM regarding : "Proposal to bring Shri Subhas Bose's ashes from Tokyo and to put up a memorial of him in front of Red Fort in Delhi.
- (i) Almost all the documents referred to in the affidavits/supplementary affidavits of different deponents.
- (j) Authenticated copy of the report dated 31.12.1945 of Shri B.C. Chakravarty on alleged death of Netaji in alleged plane crash on August 18, 1945 at Taihoku bearing counter-signature of Col. Stevenson and sent to the CSDIC.

✓ 6. Some of the Records/Files/Documents/Reports which could not be collected/procured from the foreign countries concerned by the Government of India as called for/requested by the Commission are noted below :-

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- (a) Classified relevant documents of the UK and the USA relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose could not be got declassified by the Government of India to make them (or authenticated copies thereof) available to the Commission.
- (b) No reports have been received from the Govt. of India regarding documents sent earlier by Shri Samar Guha to the Soviet Government which were acknowledged by them to have been received with the intimation that the Soviets were making inquiries. No report regarding the said documents and the said inquiries have been received from the Government of India.
- (c) Details of verification actually made by the Government of India and the outcome thereof regarding the news of imprisonment of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Russia could not be reported to the Commission as called for by it.
- (d) Photographs taken of the scene of the alleged plane crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945 as also photographs taken at the Hospital at Taihoku

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after the alleged death of Netaji were called for but not received from the Government of India. (69)

- (e) Jawaharlal Nehru's letters to the British Prime Minister during 1945 to 1947.
 - (f) The original report (or authenticated copy thereof) of the Foreign Ministry, Government of India, marked as exhibit 29-I before Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry.
 - (g) Micro-film/Micro-Fiches of all documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose lying in the custody of CIA/Office of the Strategic Services were called for from the Government of India but not received.
7. Some of the documents/reports/information etc. called for from the Government of India which could not be furnished to the Commission are noted below :
- (a) Report regarding originals of the Radio Messages dated 26.12.1945, 01.01.1946 and February, 1946 (no day of the month is mentioned) of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the source of receipt of the said messages as mentioned at cor. pages 21 and 22 of the PMO's confidential File No.870/11/P/16/92-Pol. on the subject, "Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose - p.p.s. Reg."
 - (b) According to Secret Report No.10/Misc. INA made in 1946 to the Wavell Government, "Nehru received a letter from Bose saying that he was in Russia and that he wanted to escape in India" (vide c.p.s. 16-20 of PMO's Secret File No.2/64/78-PM). The said letter or an authenticated copy thereof was not received from the Government of India though called for.
 - (c) No report received from the Government of India regarding the action taken on the letter dated August 7, 1995 of Shri Amiya Nath Bose addressed to the then Prime Minister wherein Shri Bose stated, inter alia, that he was having conclusive evidence in his possession to establish that Netaji was alive in Soviet Union on July 22, 1946 (vide cor.page 427 of PMO's Secret File No.870/11/P/95-Pol.)
8. In view of the facts and circumstances stated/referred to above, I am directed to request you to kindly take necessary steps for extension of the term of Justice M.K.

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In d.o. letter No. JMCI/Records/NI/99-2000/37(IV)/170 dated August 26, 2004 of the Secretary of the Commission addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, his attention has been drawn to the photo-copy of the note dated 02.12.1954 of Shri M.O. Mathai which was endorsed to the then Joint Secretary (AD), Shri Prem Krishan under P.M.'s Sectt. U.O. No. D/S 13170 dated 02.12.1954 as could be found in the photo-copy of the top secret File No. 23(11)/56/57/PM of the P.M.'s office (Political Section) on the subject, "TNA Treasure" wherefrom it appears that the Ministry of External Affairs received a small amount of Rs.200/- and odd along with the ashes and other remains of "Late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose" from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo and the Director (CNV) has been requested to report on the following points :

- i. When and under what circumstances were the alleged ashes of Netaji received by the Ministry of External Affairs from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo as mentioned in the aforesaid note dated 02.12.1954 ?
- ii. Where were the ashes and other remains mentioned in the said note dated 02.12.1954 preserved ?
- iii. If not preserved, what did happen to those ashes and remains ?

The reply of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, is awaited.

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7. (a) In the d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/93 dated 28.06.2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it has been requested, inter alia : "It may be intimated whether the Chief Priest of Renkoji temple has been formally requested to make available the alleged ashes to the experts who may be appointed by the Commission for D.N.A. test of the same. The Commission may also be informed whether any reply to such request, ... has been received." The Commission is yet to receive any reply of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to the aforesaid queries of the Commission.
- (b) The Commission is still continuing its efforts to ascertain the prima facie feasibility of D.N.A. tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan.

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9. With Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(V)/166 dated August 26, 2004 addressed to the Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, a fresh list of 18 files available with the Intelligence Bureau on Micro-film purported to be relevant to the inquiry of the Commission has been sent to the said Joint Director who has been requested to get those files ready under intimation to this Commission to enable the Commission to examine those files without any more loss of time. Further intimation of the Intelligence Bureau in the matter is awaited.

- 10 The Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has again been requested to take effective steps so that the File No.10/22/CM-68 is sent to the Commission without any further delay. He has also been requested that if the contents of the said file are still classified as Secret, the competent authority should be moved so that the file may be made available to the Commission at least for the perusal of the Hon'ble Chairman as was done earlier in the case of more than one file in respect of which privilege has been claimed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (vide d.o. letter no. JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/106 dated July 12, 2004 of the Secretary addressed to the Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The response of the Ministry is still awaited.

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

88For inquiry into the Alleged Disappearance of

NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.

'B' Block, (Third Floor)

11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

Extracts of Paras 4 (a) and (b), 5, 7 (a) and (b), 9, 10, and 14 Status Report for August 2004

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4. (a) A provisional programme for visit of the Commission to Russia was sent to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in Commission's d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/112 dated July 21, 2004 of the Secretary addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. Acknowledging the receipt of the said programme, the Director (CNV) in his d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated August 12, 2004 suggested : "that the itinerary of JMCI's visit to Russia including the dates of the visit should be finalized only after receipt of further inputs from our Mission in Moscow. We shall keep you updated in the matter". No further communication of the matter has been received. The Ministry of External Affairs has been reminded by the Commission to take necessary action so that the Commission can visit Russia within September 30, 2004 or at best by the first week of October, 2004 to avoid the bitter winter of Russia vide Secretary's d.o. letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/186 dated August 30, 2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.
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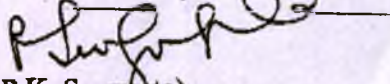
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Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for a further period of one year beyond November 14, 2004.

9. Necessary Government Notification extending the term of the Commission for a further period of one year w.e.f. November 15, 2004 may kindly be communicated at an early date so that the Government of India may get adequate time to remove the hurdles mentioned/referred to herein-before and the Commission may continue its inquiry without any break or interruption and may draw up its programmes for hearing in different places of India and abroad which are essentially warranted for proper completion of the inquiry of the Commission.

Encl : as stated above

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/STAT.REPT./99-2000/33A (II)/239(4)

October 5, 2004

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

- To :
1. The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
 2. The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 3. The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.
 4. The Director,
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

Subject : Status Report from 01.09.2004 to 30.09.2004.

Ref : Your Office letter No. I/12014/I/2000-IS(D.III) dated 07.02.2000.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end (in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to your Ministry / Department / Office).

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above

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STATUS REPORT

(From 01.09.2004 to 30.09.2004)

1. (a) This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.08.2004 to 31.08.2004 forwarded earlier by the Commission to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their ends (in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to them).
- (b) Xerox copies of the Status Report as on 02.09.2004 and of the Proceedings dated 08.09.2004 and 09.09.2004 have been forwarded earlier by the Commission to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their ends (in respect of such of the matters therein as may be applicable to them).
2. A notice has been sent to each of the deponents and other authorities concerned regarding the next hearing of the Commission which is scheduled to be held on 15.10.2004 at 11.00 O'clock in the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166 Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007, and five witnesses have been summoned for their examination / further examination during the said hearing.
3. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in their statement containing parawise comments on the Commission's Status Report for June, 2004 sent with their d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated August 18, 2004 have stated that they have not received any response from the Indian Mission concerned regarding an official paper bearing No.5190 which is an extract of a note of discussion between Lord Wavell, the then Secretary of State and R. Arthur Henderson held on August 27, 1945 as collected from the U.K. in course of the visit of the Commission to London and that the Mission has been reminded by the Ministry of External Affairs in the matter. Further development is still awaited.
4. (a) Further to the position stated in para 4(a) of the Status Report of August, 2004 it is pointed out that in Secretary's d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/197 dated September 3, 2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it has been stated, inter alia, that the d.o. letter dated September 8, 2004 of the Director (CNV) is silent about Commission's proposed visit to Omsk, Paddosk, and Irkhutsk; that the Indian Mission in

Moscow is reportedly still awaiting confirmation from the Russian Foreign Office regarding the request of the Commission for access to the archives in Russia and that their confirmation regarding the meeting of the Commission with the Scholars in St. Petersburg is also reportedly awaited from the Indian Mission there. It has also been stated in the said d.o. letter of the Secretary of the Commission : "As our past experience shows Ministry of Home Affairs take about three weeks or more to communicate approval of tour abroad and sanction for incurring expenditure. The deponents also need time to get Visa for visit to Moscow and other places in Russian Federation". There has been no further development regarding the visit of the Commission to Russian Federation before the onset of bitter winter season in Russia.

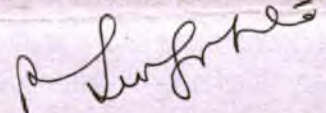
- (b) In the context of the uncertainty regarding the time of the proposed visit of the Commission to the Russian Federation, the Secretary of the Commission, in his d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/219 dated September 27, 2004 addressed to the Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, with a copy endorsed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has communicated a tentative programme of the Commission for its visit to Singapore, Taipei, Thailand, Saigon, and Kualampur in course of a single tour during the period from November 15 or 16 to November 30, 2004 with the request for according necessary Government sanction and communication of the same to the Commission as expeditiously as possible.
5. The attention of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been drawn to Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-2003/70(II)/188 dated 05.08.2003 addressed to the Joint Secretary, (CNV), wherein the latter was requested to send particulars of some suitable willing Indian scholars/students of Post Graduate class available in the USA indicating/suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the job of archival research at various American repositories of relevant historical documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, free of remuneration for academic interest or for the love and respect for Netaji. In the statement forwarded by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India with their d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated August 18, 2004, it has been stated, inter alia : "Our Mission in Washington has been requested to depute an Officer to look at the documents". In Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/191 dated 02.09.2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it has been stated, inter alia : "It may not be presumed that some specific documents have been offered by the American side which might be perused by an Officer to be deputed by the Indian Mission in Washington as it appears to have been stated" (in the statement of the Ministry of External Affairs at page 2 against para 4(c)(iv) of the said statement regarding the Commission's Status Report for June, 2004). It has also been stated in the said letter dated 02.09.2004 of the Commission : "What is needed is research work to find out whether there are relevant documents in the archival records in the USA". Further development in the matter is still awaited.

6. There has been little breakthrough as yet in the vital matter of DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose allegedly kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan notwithstanding close persuasion of the matter during the last two years by the Commission with the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and the direct approach by the Commission to various organizations of India and abroad having expertise in DNA testing. Formal consent of the Chief Priest of Renkoji temple to allow taking of samples of the said mortal remains for DNA test as solicited in Commission's letter dated 28.06.2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, is yet to be conveyed.
7. In d.o. letter No.JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/170 dated August 26, 2004 of the Secretary of the Commission, the attention of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been drawn to the photo-copy of the note dated 02.12.1954 of Shri M.O. Mathai which was endorsed to the then Joint Secretary (AD), Shri Prem Krishan under P.M.'s Sectt. U.O. No. D/S 13170 dated 02.12.1954 as could be found in the photo-copy of the top secret File No. 23(11)/56/57/PM of the P.M.'s office (Political Section) on the subject, "INA Treasure" wherefrom it appears that the Ministry of External Affairs received a small amount of Rs.200/- and odd along with the ashes and other remains of "Late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose" from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo and the Director (CNV) has been requested to report on the following points :
- i. When and under what circumstances were the alleged ashes of Netaji received by the Ministry of External Affairs from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo as mentioned in the aforesaid note dated 02.12.1954 ?
 - ii. Where were the ashes and other remains mentioned in the said note dated 02.12.1954 preserved ?
 - iii. If not preserved, what did happen to those ashes and remains ?

The reply of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, is still awaited.

8. The Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has again been requested to take effective steps so that the File No.10/22/CM-68 is sent to the Commission without any further delay. He has also been requested that if the contents of the said file are still classified as Secret, the competent authority should be moved so that the file may be made available to the Commission at least for the perusal of the Hon'ble Chairman as has been done earlier in the case of more than one file in respect of which privilege has been claimed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (vide d.o. letter no. JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/106 dated July 12, 2004 of the Secretary addressed to the Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India). The response of the Ministry is still awaited.

9. With Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(IV)/166 dated 25.08.2004 a fresh list of 18 files (apparently found to be relevant) available with the Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, on Micro-films has been sent to the Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, with the request to get those files ready for inspection by the Commission under intimation to it. On getting clearance from the I.B. Shri P.N. Chakravarty, Sr. Research Officer of the Commission, has been advised to proceed to New Delhi on 2nd October, 2004 to examine Micro-films of those files of the Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, under intimation to the Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
10. Further to the position stated in para 14 of the Status Report as on 21.06.2004 it is stated that by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/192 dated 02.09.2004, the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested to advise the Indian Consulate in Ho-Chi-Minh City to contact Mr. Pereira so that he furnishes the Commission with a copy of the book titled, 'Kojaka Rebels' published by a Singaporean Publisher as also furnishes the addresses of the son and the daughter of Mr. Gerald De Cruz, as quickly as possible.
11. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/Admn/99-2000/32(II)/200 dated September 17, 2004 addressed to Shri U.K. Kalra, Director (Security), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, a report has been sent in reply to his letter No.11012/61/2004-NCB-II dated September 9, 2004 indicating, inter alia, the extent of work done by the Commission, the work remaining to be done by the Commission, and the formidable considerations/constraints which stand in the way of the Commission to project a fixed time frame for completion of its inquiry.



(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As stated above

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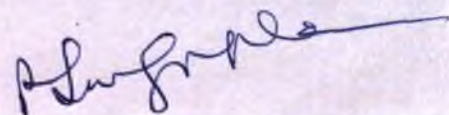
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6. We have received from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, on August 16, 2004, a copy of personal diary of Admiral the Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander, South East Asia, 1943-1946, edited by Philip Ziegler, which is being examined.
7. (a) In the d.o. letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/93 dated 28.06.2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it has been requested, inter alia : "It may be intimated whether the Chief Priest of Renkoji temple has been formally requested to make available the alleged ashes to the experts who may be appointed by the Commission for D.N.A. test of the same. The Commission may also be informed whether any reply to such request,... has been received." The Commission is yet to receive any reply of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to the aforesaid queries of the Commission.
- (b) The Commission is still continuing its efforts to ascertain the prima facie feasibility of D.N.A. tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan.
8. Present whereabouts of almost all the relevant witnesses examined earlier outside India as also most of those mentioned anew reportedly living abroad, are yet to be collected and the reports regarding availability/non-availability of the relevant documents are yet to be obtained/collected from most of the foreign countries concerned by the Ministry of

External Affairs, Government of India, to make them available to the Commission on receipt of which the Commission might be required to draw up programmes for its visit to the relevant foreign countries for examination of witnesses and documents available there as also for inspection of important relevant sites in those countries.

9. With Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(V)/166 dated August 26, 2004 addressed to the Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, a fresh list of 18 files available with the Intelligence Bureau on Micro-film purported to be relevant to the inquiry of the Commission has been sent to the said Joint Director who has been requested to get those files ready under intimation to this Commission to enable the Commission to examine those files without any more loss of time. Further intimation of the Intelligence Bureau in the matter is awaited.
10. The Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has again been requested to take effective steps so that the File No.10/22/CM-68 is sent to the Commission without any further delay. He has also been requested that if the contents of the said file are still classified as Secret, the competent authority should be moved so that the file may be made available to the Commission at least for the perusal of the Hon'ble Chairman as was done earlier in the case of more than one file in respect of which privilege has been claimed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (vide d.o. letter no. JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/106 dated July 12, 2004 of the Secretary addressed to the Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The response of the Ministry is still awaited.
11. Copies of the (1) Proclamation and (2) Instrument of surrender, as called for by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/288 dated 16.10.2003 addressed to the Joint Secretary, (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, have been received by the Commission from them. Those have been examined by it and kept on record.
12. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70(II)/446 dated February 18, 2004 addressed to the Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the receipt of the two responses to the notices published in Bangkok and Saigon (Vietnam) through the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, were acknowledged and the Ministry of Home Affairs was requested to let the Commission know about other responses to the said notice, if any, received subsequently. A copy of the said letter dated February 18, 2004 was endorsed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, for information and necessary action. With d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated February 24, 2004 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the communications (in two pages) received by the Indian Mission in Singapore by FAX from a local resident in response to the Commission's notice have been sent to the Commission for further appropriate action. Those papers have been perused and kept on record. It is presumed that no further response has been received to the Commission's said notices published in Bangkok, Saigon & Singapore.

13. Commission's Notice to the public has been published on March 19, 2004 in The China Post, a leading English daily of Taiwan, to explore the possibility of getting available evidence in Taiwan. In response to the notice, a letter by e-mail has been received from one NRI Indian based in Taiwan. No other response has been received as yet.
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The reply of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, is awaited.



(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary



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Ravi Bangar
Deputy High Commissioner

SIN/P/102/2/03

5 October, 2004

Dear *Ralte,*

Please refer to your fax DO No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. XII dated September 10, 2004 regarding feedback received from Mr. Joseph C. Pereira on the family of Gerald De Cruz and the book "Kojak Rebels".

We have made several attempts to contact on the telephone numbers provided and also on availability of the above mentioned book but without success. It is suggested that the updated and correct details of the family members contact may please be obtained from Mr. Pereira.

Since there is a mention in enclosures received with the above mentioned letter that Mr. De Cruz's son is presently serving as Singapore's Ambassador in Myanmar. This is correct and the contact details are enclosed. You may like to consider contacting him through our Mission in Yangon.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ra. Bangar
(Ravi Bangar)

Shri L.D. Ralte
Director(CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

Embassy of the Republic of Singapore - Myanmar

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SIN/P/102/2/03

5 October, 2004

Dear *Lalte*,

Please refer to your fax of October 1 received today regarding visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) Team, inter alia, to Singapore.

As far as Singapore is concerned, we have kept the Ministry fully informed of the efforts made by the Mission to ascertain facts and circumstances related to alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We took it up with the local Foreign Office who informed that they do not have any information regarding the existence of an Indian National Army office functioning in Singapore (Mission's letter of even number dated 18 July, 2003 refers).

We had also in October last year placed adverts in English, Tamil and Mandarin language dailies (Mission's letter of even number dated 29 October, 2003 refers). No significant response was received except a phone call that the caller had submitted to the Mr. Justice GD Khosla (Mission's letter of even number dated 22 January 2004 refers).

In response to your DO No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. XII dated September 10, 2004 regarding feedback received from Mr. Joseph C. Pereira on the family of Gerald De Cruz and the book "Kojak Rebels". We have made several attempts to contact on the telephone numbers provided and sent an email and also on availability of the above mentioned book but without success.

In light of above, we do not consider that the proposed visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission to Singapore is called for as the Mission would not have any substantive meetings to arrange for JMCI. Hence, it is requested that JMCI may be suitably advised to drop the plan of visit to Singapore. In case, they still insist on visiting Singapore, we shall appreciate to be informed well in advance of the specific meetings JMCI has requested.

I look forward to hear from you soon.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Shri L.D. Ralte
Director(CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

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L.D.Ralte
Joint Secretary (CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII

18 October 2004

Dear

Shri Sengupta,

This is further to your letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/219 dated 27 September 2004 and our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated 12 October 2004 regarding proposed visit of the JMCI Team to Singapore, Taipei, Saigon, Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur from November 15-30, 2004.

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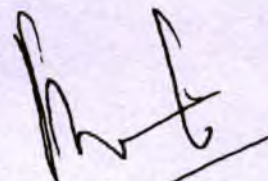
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*Indyash,**We can convey this to JMC.**Sh/10**so/nao)**Message sent on 18/9/04**7/10/04**h. SK*

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Moscow, October 6, 2004

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14 October, 2004

Dear Shri Ralte,

Reference your fax message dated 01 October 2004 regarding the proposed visit of a 2-member team of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Malaysia and other countries.

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3. In view of the foregoing, this Mission may be informed of the arrangements to be made in connection with the JMCI's visit to Malaysia. We are, however, approaching the National Archives of Malaysia once again and Shri Dato' G. S. Gill, brother of the deceased Shri Amrik Singh Gill, who is living in Kuala Lumpur, to provide information to the JMCI during the proposed visit to Kuala Lumpur. In addition, we are also approaching the Netaji Service Centre in Kuala Lumpur to help the JMCI in facilitating its inquiry.

4. The Mission will make logistic arrangements like accommodation, transport, reception and see-off, etc on receipt of travel plan of the JMCI. Action has, however, been initiated for other arrangements such as video recording, still photography, etc.

5. Looking forward to receive your response.

This issues with the approval of the High Commissioner.

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To
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Director (IS)
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Sub: Proposed Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Taipei and some other countries of Asia in November 2004.

Ref: Your letter no I/12014/2/2004 NCB2 dated 08.10.2004 and the Commission's letter no JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III) dated 27.09.2004.

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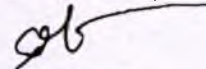
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As regards Taipei, the Commission has already approached, as advised by the MEA, the India Taipei Association for all logistics arrangements including accommodation and transport.

As regards item no. (ii) of your above-quoted letter, I am directed to say that for the earlier two visits of the Commission it was not required to furnish information in the four-page proforma sent by you or any such proforma. In point no. (ii) of your above-quoted letter the Commission has been asked to send to you the 'Expenditure Proforma of Approval of deputation', duly filled in and signed, to enable you to process the matter. I am directed to say that the Commission has been taken by surprise by this short of request as

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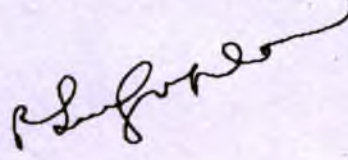
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My dear Ralte,

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I have spoken to Ambassador Simon Tensing de Cruz. He said the book was out of print. However, on my request, he agreed to explore the possibility of obtaining a copy through his sister who might have an extra copy available. We would revert as soon as we hear from him further in this matter.

In case we have any further information also, we shall share it with you.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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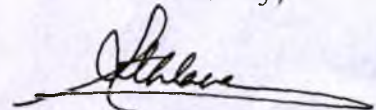
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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF
NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.
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No. JMCI/Doc-64(VI)/2004/238.

Kolkata, dated, 4th October'04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri L.D. Ralte,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

Shri will have to give us a translation.
Shri
Shri
I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of a paper-clipping of Dainik Statesman dated 26.9.04 containing an article of Shri Samit Dutta providing interalia information regarding two unclassified files being no. XL38761 regarding death of Subhas Bose 1946 and no. XL47621 regarding Death of Subhas Bose, 1946 relating to the alleged death of Netaji, which are claimed by Shri Dutta to be preserved in the archives of Washington D.C. and to request you to take up this matter with the Government of the U.S.A. so that the said files, if they exist as claimed by Shri Dutta, are made accessible to the Commission immediately.

Enclo : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

No. JMCI/Doc-64(VI)/2004/238(1). Dated 4th October'04.

- 1) Shri U.K. Kalra, Director (Security) Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001. A xerox copy of the above-cited clipping is enclosed herewith.

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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 ଆମାଣୀ
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 କରା
 ନାହିଁ
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কি মার্চি মজলার সরকার জ্ঞানতো সেই
 বাচ্চিটার নাম, মিলি জোনোজাননে আর
 পিয়ারেজেন্দা মান করে জোনো কয়দান দেশে
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 নজরত দেশে বিভাগকে টেকাত পারত। সে

কারণে এটা জনা ছাড়াই ছিল যে নেতাজি
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আপোনাৰ লোককই বন্ধতে পাবলৈ। মুখামুখি
বিবৰণকৰে। সত্যতা ও প্ৰমাণানি। সম্পৰ্কে
আমি বুজাত পোৱেছি যে মুখাৰ্জি কমিশন তথা
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Kolkata, dated, 28th Sept.'04.

*Letter to Dr. M. L. Bhatnagar
re: report for committee
US Amb. in India. Also
copy to*

From : Shri M.Roy, IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Sri L.D.Ralte,
Director(CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

*on file
l/p.*

I am directed to send herewith a Xerox copy of an article titled, "Netaji your criminal, Nehru wrote to Attlee " authored by Shri Samir Dutta published, in the "Dainik Statesman" dated 19.9.04 which speaks for itself and to state that in the said article, Shri Samir Dutta, a retired Director of the C.B.I., has referred to one report dated 23.05.1943 sent by Mr. Donovan of American Consulate in Bombay (Mumbai) to the Home Secretary of the Government of the U.S.A. allegedly based on the information given to Mr. Donovan by his 'source' and that, according to Shri Dutta, the name of the said 'source' of Mr. Donovan was omitted by the American Govt. from the published copy of the said report even though the same is not classified.

*English translation
to be sought.*

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly arrange to procure and send to Commission immediately a true copy of the said report dated 23.5.1946 of Mr. Donovan with the names(s) allegedly mentioned in the said (original) report.

*Letter to JMC
is sent
12/10/04*

Enclosure : As stated.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty



Ravi Bangar
Deputy High Commissioner

भारतीय हाई कमिशन, सिंगापुर
HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
31, GRANGE ROAD,
SINGAPORE-239702

SIN/P/102/2/03

5 October, 2004

Dear *Lalte*,

Please refer to your fax of October 1 received today regarding visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) Team, inter alia, to Singapore.

As far as Singapore is concerned, we have kept the Ministry fully informed of the efforts made by the Mission to ascertain facts and circumstances related to alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We took it up with the local Foreign Office who informed that they do not have any information regarding the existence of an Indian National Army office functioning in Singapore (Mission's letter of even number dated 18 July, 2003 refers).

We had also in October last year placed adverts in English, Tamil and Mandarin language dailies (Mission's letter of even number dated 29 October, 2003 refers). No significant response was received except a phone call that the caller had submitted to the Mr. Justice GD Khosla (Mission's letter of even number dated 22 January 2004 refers).

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In response to your DO No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. XII dated September 10, 2004 regarding feedback received from Mr. Joseph C. Pereira on the family of Gerald De Cruz and the book "Kojak Rebels". We have made several attempts to contact on the telephone numbers provided and sent an email and also on availability of the above mentioned book but without success.

In light of above, we do not consider that the proposed visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission to Singapore is called for as the Mission would not have any substantive meetings to arrange for JMCI. Hence, it is requested that JMCI may be suitably advised to drop the plan of visit to Singapore. In case, they still insist on visiting Singapore, we shall appreciate to be informed well in advance of the specific meetings JMCI has requested.

I look forward to hear from you soon.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ravi Bangia
(Ravi Bangia)

Shri L.D. Ralte
Director(CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi



T.P.Seetharam
Deputy Chief of Mission &
Deputy Permanent Representative
to UN-ESCAP

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FAX

No.BAN/POL/103/6/03

October 11, 2004

Dear Ralte,

Kindly refer to your fax message No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated October 1, 2004 regarding proposed visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) team to Thailand and other countries in the region. We have noted the requirements mentioned in your message and are taking appropriate action.

We have ascertained that Mr. Kapasi, who is the only person who responded to the public notice in this regard, and would be in a position to give information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, will be in Bangkok during the period 15-30 November 2004. We await the firm programme of the JMCI team to proceed further in the matter. | A'

Regards

Yours sincerely,

(T.P. Seetharam)

Shri L.D. Ralte,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Good. 'A'?

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Message sent to Jony

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No. 2/12014/2/2004 NCB-II

Ministry of Home Affairs
Security Division
NCB -II Section

dt- 8/10/04.

To,

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block(Third floor),
11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkatta-700087.

Sub: Proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to
Taipei and aforeaid other countries of Asia in November 2004.

I am directed to refer to your D.O.No. JMCI/EO/2002-
2003/83(iii)219 dated 27.9.2004 and to inform that Finance I (Ministry of
Home Affairs) have sought some clarifications as follows.

- (i) Whether Embassy of India has confirmed to provide all
arrangements and meetings for the proposed tour.
- (ii) Expenditure Proforma of approval of the deputation abroad is
enclosed, which is to be filled and duly signed, so as to enable us to process
the matter..

Any action on
our side?
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ss. (fwd)

Spoken. P. S. for
12/11/04


(UMESH KALRA)
DIRECTOR

copy to : Shri L. D. Ralte.
Dir (CNV)
NEA
New Delhi

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PROFORMA FOR APPROVAL OF DEPUTATION ABROAD

1. Sponsoring Ministry/Department :
2.

Officer's Name	Desig nation	Min./ Deptt.	Scale of Pay	Date of Superannuation	Source of funding
(a)					
(b)					
3. Purpops(e) of visit :
(Detailed reason, copies of the agenda etc
to be enclosed)
4. Country/Countries to be visited :
(City/Country) all places.
5. Duration of the visit (per country)

Country	From	To	Days
	dd-mm-yy	dd-mm-yy	
6. Including/Excluding journey time to & fro :
7. (a) Actual expenditure in 2003-04 :
(b) Budget provision for the year 2004-05 :
© Revised Budget provision for foreign
travel for the financial year 2004-05
(limited to 75% of the actual expenditure
in 2002-03 or the current year's budget
provision, whichever is less)
8. Actual expenditure incurred so far
(Courses/Visits to be stated)
(details to be given in respect of all
foreign visits in a statement to be
enclosed)
9. Commitment already made for the current
year (Visits/courses supported excluding
Sl.No.8 (including hotel charges/bills not
received etc)

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10. Balance for the current financial year :
11. Estimated expenditure on the proposed visit :
 - (a) Air fare :
 - (b) Class to be traveled :
 - (c) Whether entitled :
 - (d) D.A. etc :
 - (e) Entertainment Allowance if any required. :
 - (f) Contingencies, if any required :
 - (g) Hotel accommodation :
 - (h) Excess Baggage :
 - (i) Gifts :
 - (j) Any other (please specify) :
 - (i) Total estimated expenditure in Indian currency. :
 - (ii) Total Foreign exchange component :
12. Full details of the foreign visits undertaken by the officer(s) during the last three year (To be enclosed as per proforma enclosed) :
13. Why the number of delegates cannot be reduced :
14. Were deputations/delegations sent in the past for similar purpose? If so, the names of officers deputed together with period of deputation and a copy of the report submitted on return to be enclosed. .
15. Whether Report has been submitted :

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16. Is an increase proposed in the number of delegates over what was at the last occasion? If so, why?
17. Why cannot be purpose be served by utilizing the services of (i) our Mission abroad or (ii) of another officer already abroad in the same or neighbouring country in an office of/under the Ministry/Department or (iii) any other being Sent abroad?
18. Whether approval of the nodal Ministry has been obtained in case the subject matter is the concern of some other Ministry also.
19. Whether any other officer is being sent for the same purpose (Details may please be given separately)
20. In case the proposal is being sent less than 15 days before the date of departure justification duly approved by Adm Secretary may be annexed)

Signature of Joint Secretary

Contersigned

AS&FA(Home)

DETAILS OF VISITS ABROAD DURING LAST THREE YEARS

	2001	2002	2003
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- (a) No. of visits made
- (b) Countries visited
- (c) Period of deputation
of stay in each
country with date
- (d) purpose of visit



No.Han/103/16/2002

EMBASSY OF INDIA. HANOI

भारत का राजदूतावास, हनोई

October 7, 2004

Director (CNV) From HOC

Reference correspondence resting with our Letter No.Han/103/16/2002 dated 10-09-04 addressed to Shri A.K.Jain, Consul, CGI, Ho Chi Minh City and copy endorsed to you regarding information in connection with the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Please find enclosed a copy of the self-explanatory reply dated 5.10.04 received from Shri A.K.Jain, Consul, CGI, Ho Chi Minh City for further appropriate action at your end.

With kind regards,

(S. K. Makhijani)

First Secretary & Head of Chancery

No Encl.
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Ref x' in enclosure.

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in Myanmar has been
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REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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FROM INDIAN CONSULATE, HCMC-VIETNAM PHONE NO. : 848 9387495

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**Fax Message
Most Immediate**

FROM : CGI, HO CHI MINH CITY
TO : EMBASSY OF INDIA, HANOI

SHRI S.K. MAKHJANI, FS FROM A.K. JAIN, CONSUL

Ref. your e-mail dated September 13, 2004 regarding information in connection with the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose as was furnished by Mr. Joseph C. Pereira.

Unfortunately, Mr. Pereira was not available on his given mobile phone number (0903 667081) in Ho Chi Minh City. When we contacted his given address (196, Bui Vien, Dist. 1, HCM City) personally, we found that it was a hotel and Mr. Pereira is no longer there and as such we could not reach him. However, we understand from the Consulate General of Singapore here that Mr. Simon Tensing De Cruz (son of Mr. Gerald De Cruz, who reportedly acted as the Personal Assistant to Netaji in Saigon during 1943-45) is Singapore's Ambassador to Myanmar but will soon be returning to Singapore. His contact number in Myanmar, as furnished by the Singapore's Consulate General here, is +951 559001 ext. 333, in case you like to contact Mr. Cruz in Myanmar for any further query.

Regards,


(A.K. Jain)
October 5, 2004



L.D.Ralte
Director (CNV)

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII

October 07, 2004

Dear Sir,

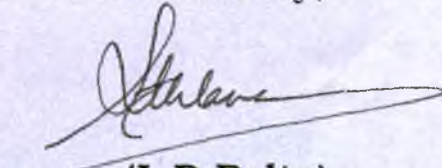
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2. The author of the book - Mr. Gerald De Cruz is said to have acted as the personal assistant to Netaji Subhas Bose in Saigon during the period 1943 to 1945. Mr. Gerald De Cruz, since deceased, married a Bulgarian lady. His son **Mr. Simon Tensing De Cruz** is presently Singapore's Ambassador to Myanmar. His contact details are enclosed.

2. We shall be grateful if **Ambassador Simon Tensing De Cruz** could be contacted in this regard. A copy of the said book-"**Kojak Rebels**", alongwith any relevant information available with the De Cruz family that you feel may be of interest to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, may please be forwarded to us at the earliest.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


(L.D.Ralte)

Shri R.K.Bhatia,
Ambassador of India
Myanmar

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Embassy of the Republic of Singapore - Myanmar

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L.D.Ralte
Director (CNV)

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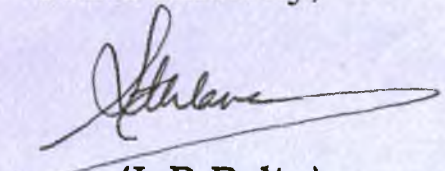
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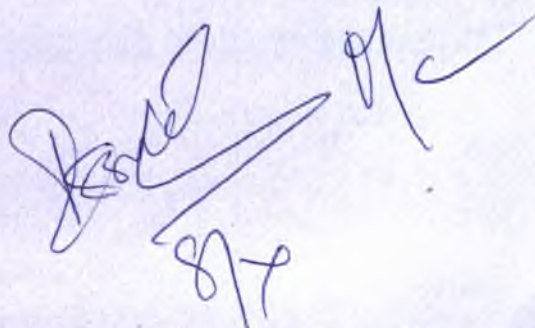
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With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


(L.D. Ralte)

Shri R.K.Bhatia,
Ambassador of India
Myanmar





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Ravi Bangar
Deputy High Commissioner

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HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
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SIN/P/102/2/03

5 October, 2004

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We have made several attempts to contact on the telephone numbers provided and also on availability of the above mentioned book but without success. It is suggested that the updated and correct details of the family members contact may please be obtained from Mr. Pereira.

Since there is a mention in enclosures received with the above mentioned letter that Mr. De Cruz's son is presently serving as Singapore's Ambassador in Myanmar. This is correct and the contact details are enclosed. You may like to consider contacting him through our Mission in Yangon.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ra. Bangar
(Ravi Bangar)

Shri L.D. Ralte
Director(CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

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**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(CNV DIVISION)
NEW DELHI**

FACSIMILE MESSAGE

OCTOBER 01, 2004

FROM : FOREIGN NEW DELHI

TO : INDEMBASSY BANGKOK — 00 66-2-2584622, 2621740
INDEMBASSY HANOI — 00 84-4-8244998
HICOMIND SINGAPORE — 00 65-67326909
HICOMIND KUALA LUMPUR — 00 603-2533507, 2525826

HOM FROM DIRECTOR (CNV)

REFERENCE CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING PROPOSED VISIT OF THE JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (JMCI) TEAM TO SINGAPORE, TAIWAN, VIETNAM, THAILAND AND MALAYSIA.

2. THE COMMISSION HAS TENTATIVELY DRAWN UP A PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT TO SINGAPORE (2-DAYS), TAIPEI (3-DAYS), SAIGON/HANOI (2-DAYS), THAILAND (2-DAYS) AND KUALA LUMPUR IN THE COURSE OF A SINGLE TOUR DURING THE PERIOD FROM **NOVEMBER 15/16, 2004 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2004.**

3. THE JMCI TEAM WILL COMPRISE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION- **JUSTICE M.K.MUKHERJEE** AND THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION- **SHRI P.K.SENGUPTA.**

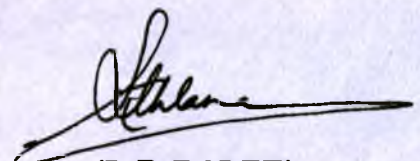
4. ALL LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS LIKE ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORT, INTERPRETATION FACILITIES (WHEREVER APPLICABLE), AS DETAILED BELOW, MAY PLEASE BE MADE FOR THE VISIT OF THE TEAM:-

- J) HOTEL ACCOMMODATION MAY BE BOOKED FOR THE TEAM.
- K) TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENT - FOR RECEPTION/PICK-UP FROM AIRPORT, MOVEMENT WITHIN CITY AND FOR VISITS TO OTHER PLACES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY JMCI, MAY BE MADE.
- L) A SENIOR OFFICER OF THE MISSION MAY BE EARMARKED AS LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE COMMISSION.

- M) A STENOGRAPHER MAY BE SPARED AND PROVIDED TO THE TEAM AS & WHEN REQUIRED.
- N) AN INTERPRETER (WHEREVER APPLICABLE) WOULD NEED TO BE DEPUTED WITH THE TEAM DURING THE DURATION OF THE VISIT.
- O) PROVISION OF A TAPE-RECORDER FOR HEARINGS OF THE COMMISSION, IF ANY, MAY BE MADE.
- P) ARRANGEMENTS FOR VIDEO RECORDING/STILL PHOTOGRAPHY OF IMPORTANT MEETINGS/ INTERACTIONS WOULD NEED TO BE MADE, AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION.
- Q) IDENTIFICATION/PROVISION OF A VENUE (HALL/ROOM) FOR FORMAL DEPOSITION OF WITNESSES/ MEETINGS ETC.
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With regards,


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[FAX : 886-2-2757-6117]**

FOR SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE, DIRECTOR GENERAL
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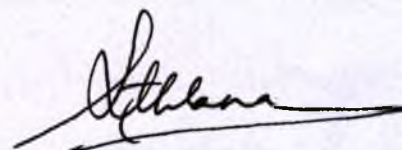
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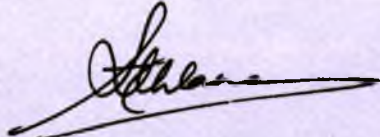
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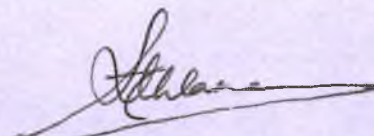
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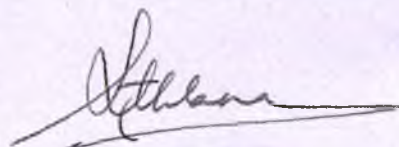
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4. ALL LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS LIKE ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORT, INTERPRETATION FACILITIES (WHEREVER APPLICABLE), AS DETAILED BELOW, MAY PLEASE BE MADE FOR THE VISIT OF THE TEAM:-

- J) HOTEL ACCOMMODATION MAY BE BOOKED FOR THE TEAM.
- K) TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENT - FOR RECEPTION/PICK-UP FROM AIRPORT, MOVEMENT WITHIN CITY AND FOR VISITS TO OTHER PLACES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY JMCI, MAY BE MADE.
- L) A SENIOR OFFICER OF THE MISSION MAY BE EARMARKED AS LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE COMMISSION.

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- M) A STENOGRAPHER MAY BE SPARED AND PROVIDED TO THE TEAM AS & WHEN REQUIRED.
- N) AN INTERPRETER (WHEREVER APPLICABLE) WOULD NEED TO BE DEPUTED WITH THE TEAM DURING THE DURATION OF THE VISIT.
- O) PROVISION OF A TAPE-RECORDER FOR HEARINGS OF THE COMMISSION, IF ANY, MAY BE MADE.
- P) ARRANGEMENTS FOR VIDEO RECORDING/STILL PHOTOGRAPHY OF IMPORTANT MEETINGS/ INTERACTIONS WOULD NEED TO BE MADE, AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION.
- Q) IDENTIFICATION/PROVISION OF A VENUE (HALL/ROOM) FOR FORMAL DEPOSITION OF WITNESSES/ MEETINGS ETC.
- R) WHEREVER APPLICABLE, CONCERNED GOVERNMENTS MAY BE REQUESTED TO FACILITATE THE JMCI TEAM FOR FREE ACCESS TO RECORDS/ DOCUMENTS IN THE ARCHIVES IDENTIFIED EARLIER.

5. THE PROGRAMME OF THE COMMISSION IS TENTATIVE AND PROVISIONAL. DETAILED ITINERARY, AS AND WHEN FINALISED AND RECEIVED FROM JMCI, WILL BE FAXED TO YOU. GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD, MEANWHILE, CONFIRM THE TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MADE AT YOUR END SO THAT THE JMCI CAN OBTAIN NECESSARY SANCTION FOR THE VISIT FROM THE MHA.

With regards,



(L.D. RALTE)
DIRECTOR (CNV)

NO. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII
dated October 01, 2004

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Director (CNV)

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII

September 30, 2004

Dear

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/STAT.REPT/99-2000/33a(II)/97(4), dated July 05, 2004 and my letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated August 18, 2004, regarding Status Report of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) for the period 1.6.2004 to 30.6.2004.

2. In para 3 of our statement containing comments/current status of various issues concerning MEA, we had indicated that our Mission in London was being reminded with regard to JMCI's query about the result of the inquiry initiated by the Viceroy [as mentioned in Official paper-bearing No.5190-an extract from a Note of Discussion between Lord Wavell, then Secretary of State and R. Arthur Henderson held on 27 August 1945].

3. We have since then, received a response from our Mission in London. A representative of our High Commission in London made visits to the British Library and National Archives to obtain information on the issues raised by the JMCI. An exhaustive search was made with the help of Research Advisers at both the places, to locate the relevant information, on the electronic, microfilms as well as printed material like old files and books. However, the representative could not find any relevant material relating to the Inquiry initiated by the Viceroy as mentioned in document no.5190. Similarly, there was no mention about Netaji or the INA in the secret files from Churchill's private office papers that were available at the National Archives. The following papers having some information on Netaji and the INA were photocopied and forwarded to us. These are attached herewith:-

- Extract from New Scotland Yard Report No. 305 dated 29.8.45 - "A"

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- Extracts from Note by Military Intelligence dated 14.9.45- "B"
- Loose Minute of MI2 regarding Death of Netaji dated 20.1.47- "C"
- Statement of Mr. Yoshimi, Medical Captain of the Imperial Japanese Army on the death of Netaji- "D"

4. We trust the information contained in the enclosed documents would be useful.

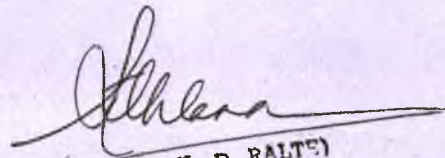
Yours sincerely,

(L.D.Ralte)

Shri M.Roy
Officer on Special Duty,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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Kolkata 700 087

Copy for information to :-

✓ **Shri Rakesh, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, N.Delhi.**


L. D. RALTE
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Phone:

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

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No. JMCI/MEETING-PROCEEDINGS (FOLLOW UP)/99-2000/48(V)/230(4) Dt. Sept. 29, 2004.

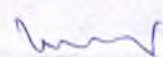
From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

- To :
1. The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
 2. The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 3. The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.
 4. The Director,
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith copies of the Commission's Status Report as on 02.09.2004 and its proceedings dated 08.09.2004 and 09.09.2004 for favour of taking necessary action at your end (in respect of such of the matters as may be applicable to your Ministry/Department/Office).

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above

May please for
necessary action.

Dir(CNV)

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K. Shetty
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Status Report as on 02.09.2004 (forenoon) showing action taken on / compliance with orders / directions of the Commission including those contained in its various proceedings.

1. Xerox copies of the proceedings dated 23.06.2004 and of the Status Report as on 21.06.2004 have been sent to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for their information and favour of taking necessary action at their ends (in respect of such of the matters therein as may be applicable to them).
2. A notice has been sent to each of the deponents and other authorities concerned regarding the next hearing of the Commission which is scheduled to be held on 08.09.2004 and 09.09.2004, and, if need be, on 10.09.2004 at 11.00 O'clock in the forenoon on each day in the Committee Room 'C' of Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi, and five witnesses (including two handwriting experts) have been summoned for their examination during the hearing.
3.
 - (a) The Ministry of External Affairs in their statement containing parawise comments on the Commission's Status Report for June, 2004 sent with their d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated August 18, 2004 has stated that they have not received any response from the Indian Mission concerned regarding an official paper bearing No.5190 which is an extract of a note of discussion between Lord Wavell, the then Secretary of State and R. Arthur Henderson held on August 27, 1945 as collected from the U.K. in course of the visit of the Commission to London and that the Mission has been reminded by the Ministry of External Affairs in the matter. Further development is awaited.
 - (b) Regarding visit of the Commission to Russia to examine witnesses and archival documents, a provisional programme was sent to the Ministry of External Affairs with a copy endorsed to the Ministry of Home Affairs. Acknowledging the receipt of the programme, the Ministry of External Affairs suggested, "that the itinerary of JMCI's visit to Russia including the dates of visit should be finalized only after receipt of further inputs from our Mission in Moscow. We shall keep you updated on the matter." No further communication on the matter has been received till date from the Ministry of External Affairs. The Ministry of External Affairs has been reminded by the Commission to take necessary action so that the Commission can visit Russia within September 30, 2004 or at best by the first week of October, 2004 to avoid the bitter winter of Russia vide Secretary's d.o. letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/186 dated August 30, 2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.
 - (c) In the Commission's said d.o. letter dated August 30, 2004 it has also been stated that finalisation of the programme of the Commission's visit to Taiwan and some other places also depends on the time of the proposed visit of the Commission to Russia.
4. The attention of the Director (CNV) has been drawn to Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-2003/70(II)/188 dated 05.08.2003 addressed to the Joint Secretary, (CNV), wherein the latter was requested to send particulars of some suitable willing Indian scholars/students of Post Graduate class available in the USA indicating/suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they

150 would agree to do the job of archival research at various American repositories of relevant historical documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, free of remuneration for academic interest or for the love and respect for Netaji. In the statement forwarded by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India with their d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated August 18, 2004, it has been stated, inter alia : "Our Mission in Washington has been requested to depute an Officer to look at the documents". Further development in the matter is awaited.

5. We have received from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, on August 16, 2004, a copy of personal diary of Admiral the Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander, South East Asia, 1943-1946, edited by Philip Ziegler, which is being examined.
6. (a) In the d.o. letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/93 dated 28.06.2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it has been requested, inter alia : "It may be intimated whether the Chief Priest of Renkoji temple has been formally requested to make available the alleged ashes to the experts who may be appointed by the Commission for D.N.A. test of the same. The Commission may also be informed whether any reply to such request,... has been received." The Commission is yet to receive any reply of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to the aforesaid queries of the Commission.
- (b) The Commission is still continuing its efforts to ascertain the prima facie feasibility of D.N.A. tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan.
7. Present whereabouts of almost all the relevant witnesses examined earlier outside India as also most of those mentioned anew reportedly living abroad, are yet to be collected and the reports regarding availability/non-availability of the relevant documents are yet to be obtained/collected from most of the foreign countries concerned by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to make them available to the Commission on receipt of which the Commission might be required to draw up programmes for its visit to the relevant foreign countries for examination of witnesses and documents available there as also for inspection of important relevant sites in those countries.
8. With Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(V)/166 dated August 26, 2004 addressed to the Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, a fresh list of 18 files available with the Intelligence Bureau on Micro-film purported to be relevant to the inquiry of the Commission has been sent to the said Joint Director who has been requested to get those files ready under intimation to this Commission to enable the Commission to examine those files without further loss of time. Further intimation of the Intelligence Bureau in the matter is awaited.
9. The Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has again been requested to take effective steps so that the File No.10/22/CM-68 is sent to the Commission without any further delay. He has also been requested that if the contents of the said file are still classified as Secret, the competent authority should be moved so that

the file may be made available to the Commission at least for the perusal of the Hon'ble Chairman as was done earlier in the case of more than one file in respect of which privilege has been claimed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (vide d.o. letter no. JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/106 dated July 12, 2004 of the Secretary addressed to the Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The response of the Ministry is still awaited.

10. Copies of the (1) Proclamation and (2) Instrument of surrender were called for by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/288 dated 16.10.2003 addressed to the Joint Secretary, (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. Copies of the said "Proclamation" and "Instrument of Surrender" have been received by the Commission from the Ministry of External affairs and those have been examined by it and kept on record.
11. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70(II)/446 dated February 18, 2004 addressed to the Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the receipts of the two responses to the notices published in Bangkok and Saigon (Vietnam) through the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, were acknowledged and the Ministry of Home Affairs was requested to let the Commission know about other responses to the said notice, if any, received subsequently. A copy of the said letter dated February 18, 2004 was endorsed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, for information and necessary action. With d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated February 24, 2004 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the communications (in two pages) received by the Indian Mission in Singapore by FAX from a local resident in response to the Commission's notice have been sent to the Commission for further appropriate action. Those papers have been perused and kept on record. It is presumed that no further response has been received to the Commission's said notices published in Bangkok, Saigon & Singapore.
12. Commission's Notice to the public has been published on March 19, 2004 in The China Post, a leading English daily of Taiwan, to explore the possibility of getting available evidence in Taiwan. In response to the notice, a letter by e-mail has been received from one NRI Indian based in Taiwan. No other response has been received as yet.

JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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Proceedings dated 8th September, 2004 (29th - D.1) held in the Committee Room,
"C" of Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi

September 08, 2004.

Two witnesses viz. Shri B. Lal and Shri Samit Kumar Dutta were summoned for today. They are present.

Shri Samit Kumar Dutta has been examined as CW 118. Six paper-cuttings of the Statesman, a Bengali Daily, containing the articles authorised by him and published on 28.06.2004, 29.06.2004, 05.07.2004, 01.08.2004, 18.08.2004 and 29.08.2004 have been marked Exhibits 268 – 273 respectively.

A list (containing six sheets) bearing particulars of some files relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose lying in different offices in Britain has been filed by him today and marked Exhibit 274.

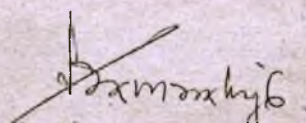
Copies of some documents collected from National Archives, London by him and filed today have been marked Exhibits 275 to 275/5.

Shri B. Lal has been examined as CW 119.

Questioned documents sent to him for examination, Reports on English and Bengali handwritings on the questioned documents, Report on another Bengali document, Index of the reports and Annexures to the Reports in 19 folders have been marked Exhibits 276 (series). 277, 278, 279, 280 and 281-281(r) respectively.

Photographs of the documents in 15 folders and negatives of the photographs in 19 folders have been marked Exhibits XXIII-XXIII(n) and XXIV-XXIV(r) respectively.

Proceedings adjourned till 11 a.m. tomorrow.


(M. K. Mukherjee)
Chairman

JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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Proceedings dated 9th September, 2004 (29th - D.2) held in the Committee Room,
"C" of Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi

September 09, 2004.

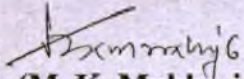
All the three witnesses namely Shri M. L. Sharma, Shri Rama Swarup and Dr. L. M. Singhvi summoned for today are absent.

Shri Rama Swarup is absent by sending a prior intimation of his going abroad and praying for fixing up another date for his examination

Summons upon Dr. L. M. Singhvi has been served at his residence. It is not clear whether summons has been received by him personally.

Fresh summons be issued upon him ^{for} on the next date of hearing (to be communicated later on).

Shri M. L. Sharma, Dy. Government Examiner of Questioned Documents is absent without any intimation though summons has been delivered in his office by speed post with Acknowledgement Due. He is, therefore, directed to appear before this Commission on the next date of hearing (to be communicated later on) and show cause why appropriate legal action should not be taken against him for his failure / refusal to appear before this Commission inspite of due service of summons.


(M. K. Mukherjee)
Chairman



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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
(Former Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)
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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Appointed by the Govt. of
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B Block (3rd floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

D.O.No.JMC1/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/219

September 27, 2004

Dear

Please recall my discussions with you regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Moscow and other countries of the Russian Federation as also the proposed visit of the Commission to Taipei and some other countries of Asia. The previous correspondence regarding the Commission's proposed visit to Taipei, Singapore, Bangkok, Saigon and Malaysia (Kualalumpur) may kindly be referred to. I am directed to say that now that the time of the proposed visit to Russian Federation is uncertain, the Commission proposes to undertake and complete its visit to Taipei and the aforesaid other countries of Asia in November, 2004.

I am directed to say that the Commission has tentatively drawn up a programme for visit to Singapore, Taipei, Thailand, Saigon and Kualalumpur in course of a single tour during the period from November 15 or 16 to November 30, 2004 (including days of journey).

I am directed further to say that the Commission intends to leave Kolkata on November 15 or 16, 2004. The period of stay of the Commission at different places will be as follows :-

a)	Singapore	:	2 days
b)	Taipei	:	3 days
c)	Saigon	:	2 days
d)	Bangkok	:	2 days
e)	Kualalumpur	:	2 days

I am further directed to say that the exact dates of stay at the aforesaid places will be finalised after taking decision as to the route from Kolkata to Taipei.

As the Commission has been given to understand that all necessary help including logistics arrangements at Taipei could be made by the India Taipei Association, subject to the condition that payment will have to be made by the Commission before leaving Taipei, the Commission has already requested the India Taipei Association by e-mail to let the Commission know the estimated charges for hotel, transport and interpreter etc. in order to enable the Commission to draw the amount of the estimated expenditure before departure from Kolkata. Earlier the Commission had received from the Ministry of External Affairs hotel charges, cost of hiring car in Taipei, fees for interpreter, cash allowance / DA per diem (vide d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO- Vol. XII dated 7.7.2004 of Sri L.D.Ralte, Director (CNV), a copy of which is enclosed). Along with the aforesaid d.o. letter the said Director (CNV), MEA sent a copy of "2004 Published Rates" of Grand Hyatt Hotel, Taipei (A copy is enclosed). Today, the Commission has received by e-mail from the India Taipei Association the estimated expenditure for accommodation, daily cash allowance, transport, fees of the Interpreter, etc. (copy enclosed).

Do welcome
any representative
for Singapore,
Saigon & KL?
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I am further directed to say that the Commission has received the rates of air fares from the District Reservation Manager, Air India, Kolkata, a copy of which is enclosed. I am directed to say further that the Hon'ble Chairman is entitled to first class air fare and the Secretary has also been permitted, by order of the Ministry of Home Affairs, to travel by Executive / Business class for tours abroad (vide letter no. 1/12014/6/2001-IS(D III) dated 13.9.2000 a copy of which is enclosed). I am directed to request you to kindly move the Government for according sanction of first class air passage for the Hon'ble Chairman and Executive / Business class for the Secretary and expenditure on account of hotel charges, transport, fees of interpreter etc. for the visit of the Commission to Taipei so that the Commission may draw the amount well in advance to meet the expenditure that will have to be incurred for air passage and the aforesaid matters in Taipei. Needless to say, necessary sanction for drawal of Cash Allowance / DA for the entire period of stay abroad is also necessary well in advance of the commencement of the proposed tour.

As regards visit to Singapore, Bangkok, Saigon and Kualalampur, the Indian Embassies / Missions at those places may be requested for all logistics arrangements. As was done earlier on the occasions of the Commission's visit to England and Japan, the Indian Embassies/Missions may be advised to make all necessary arrangements for accommodation, transport, interpreters etc. Necessary order according sanction for incurring expenditure by the Indian Missions /Embassies at the said places may be communicated to them and also to the Commission well in advance of the commencement of the tour of the Commission.

I am directed to request you to kindly move the Government for according necessary sanction and communicate the same to the Commission as expeditiously as possible.

With best wishes,

Yours


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

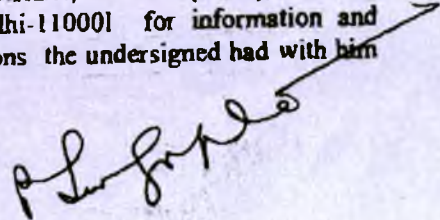
Encl: As above

Sri Umesh Kalra
Director (IS)
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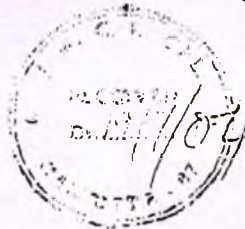
Copy along with the copies of enclosures forwarded to Sri L.D.Ralte, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001 for information and necessary action He is requested to kindly recall the discussions the undersigned had with him on 9.9.04 regarding visit to Taipei, Singapore etc.


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl: As above



L.D. Ralte
Director (CMV)



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.C. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII

July 07, 2004

Dear *Mr. Sengupta*,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III/93 dated June 28, 2004 regarding discussion held between Hon'ble Chairman of the JMCI and Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, on various issues concerning the work of the Commission.

2. One of the issues raised in para-3 of your letter relates to the facilitation of a proposed visit by a Commission team to Taiwan in September 2004. The required information sought by you in this connection is given below:-

Enclosure has not been received

Hotel tariff for Grand Hyatt Hotel in Taipei is enclosed. The rates are subject to 10% Service charges. The Commission may decide which suite/rooms are appropriate for the members. Decision in this regard may be communicated urgently for facilitating booking/ reservation of rooms.

(b)

Cost of hiring a car in Taipei is NT \$ 1400/- for 3 hours. For each additional hour- the charges are NT \$300/hour. For airport pick-up, the charges are NT \$1200/-.

Fees for interpreter, Chinese to English and vice versa, is NT \$12,000/- for 3 hours and NT \$24000/- for 6 hours.

Per diem DA in Taipei is US\$75.

The exchange rate is 1 US\$ = NT \$33 approximately.

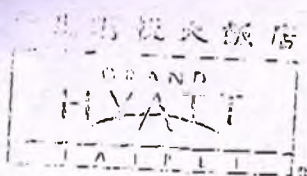
3. We trust the above information would be adequate for drawing up the detailed programme of the visit.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,

(L.D. Ralte)

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Grand Room	31	334	NT\$ 8,600 ✓	NT\$ 9,100
Grand Deluxe Room	31	334	NT\$ 9,000 ✓	NT\$ 9,500
Executive Room ✓	50	538	NT\$ 9,600	NT\$ 10,100
Grand Club Room	31	334	NT\$ 10,100	NT\$ 10,600
Club Executive Room	50	538	NT\$ 11,100	NT\$ 11,600

Premier Suite Type	Sq Meter	Sq Feet	Single	Double
Grand Suite	60	646	NT\$ 10,600	NT\$ 11,100
Executive Suite ✓	80	861	NT\$ 12,600	NT\$ 13,100
Club Grand Suite	60	646	NT\$ 12,100	NT\$ 12,600
Club Executive Suite	80	861	NT\$ 14,100	NT\$ 14,600
Premier Suite	130	1,399	NT\$ 29,800	NT\$ 30,300
Diplomatic Suite	185	1,991	NT\$ 45,000	NT\$ 45,000
Presidential Suite	220	2,367	NT\$ 78,000	NT\$ 78,000

EXTRA BED : NT\$1,200 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY : NT\$500

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- The above rates are in effect as of January 2004.
- Corporate rates are available through our Sales and Marketing Department.
- All rates are inclusive of 5% government tax and subject to a 10% service charge except specified otherwise.
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- Extra beds cannot be provided in suites.
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No.1/2014/6/2001-IS(D.III)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

New Delhi, dated 13.9.02

OFFICE ORDER

Subject: Visit of Justice M.K. Mukherjee (Rtd.) Chairman and Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan to visit Renkoji temple and other places for examination of witness pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

In continuation of this Ministry's Office Order of even number dated 9.9.02, a supplementary sanction of the competent authority is hereby accorded to allow air travel by executive/business class to Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry during his tour abroad as a special case.

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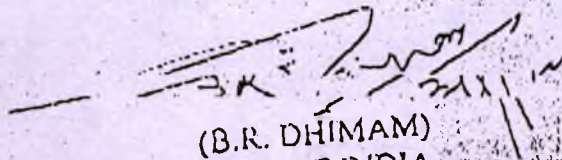
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D.O.No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/219

September 27, 2004

Dear

Please recall my discussions with you regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Moscow and other countries of the Russian Federation as also the proposed visit of the Commission to Taipei and some other countries of Asia. The previous correspondence regarding the Commission's proposed visit to Taipei, Singapore, Bangkok, Saigon and Malaysia (Kualalampur) may kindly be referred to. I am directed to say that now that the time of the proposed visit to Russian Federation is uncertain, the Commission proposes to undertake and complete its visit to Taipei and the aforesaid other countries of Asia in November, 2004.

I am directed to say that the Commission has tentatively drawn up a programme for visit to Singapore, Taipei, Thailand, Saigon and Kualalampur in course of a single tour during the period from November 15 or 16 to November 30, 2004 (including days of journey).

I am directed further to say that the Commission intends to leave Kolkata on November 15 or 16, 2004. The period of stay of the Commission at different places will be as follows :-

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|----|-------------|---|--------|
| a) | Singapore | : | 2 days |
| b) | Taipei | : | 3 days |
| c) | Saigon | : | 2 days |
| d) | Bangkok | : | 2 days |
| e) | Kualalampur | : | 2 days |

I am further directed to say that the exact dates of stay at the aforesaid places will be finalised after taking decision as to the route from Kolkata to Taipei.

As the Commission has been given to understand that all necessary help including logistics arrangements at Taipei could be made by the India Taipei Association, subject to the condition that payment will have to be made by the Commission before leaving Taipei, the Commission has already requested the India Taipei Association by e-mail to let the Commission know the estimated charges for hotel, transport and interpreter etc. in order to enable the Commission to draw the amount of the estimated expenditure before departure from Kolkata. Earlier the Commission had received from the Ministry of External Affairs hotel charges, cost of hiring car in Taipei, fees for interpreter, cash allowance / DA per diem (vide d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO- Vol. XII dated 7.7.2004 of Sri L.D.Ralte, Director (CNV), a copy of which is enclosed).. Along with the aforesaid d.o. letter the said Director (CNV), MEA sent a copy of "2004 Published Rates" of Grand Hyatt Hotel, Taipei (A copy is enclosed). Today, the Commission has received by e-mail from the India Taipei Association the estimated expenditure for accommodation, daily cash allowance, transport, fees of the Interpreter, etc. (copy enclosed).

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As regards visit to Singapore, Bangkok, Saigon and Kualalampur, the Indian Embassies / Missions at those places may be requested for all logistics arrangements. As was done earlier on the occasions of the Commission's visit to England and Japan, the Indian Embassies/Missions may be advised to make all necessary arrangements for accommodation, transport, interpreters etc. Necessary order according sanction for incurring expenditure by the Indian Missions /Embassies at the said places may be communicated to them and also to the Commission well in advance of the commencement of the tour of the Commission.

I am directed to request you to kindly move the Government for according necessary sanction and communicate the same to the Commission as expeditiously as possible.

With best wishes,

Yours



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl: As above

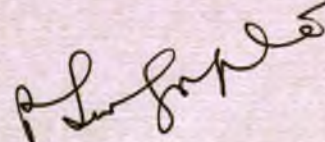
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Copy along with the copies of enclosures forwarded to Sri L.D.Ralte, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001 for information and necessary action. He is requested to kindly recall the discussions the undersigned had with him on 9.9.04 regarding visit to Taipei, Singapore etc.



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Director (CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII

July 07, 2004

Dear

Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/93 dated June 28, 2004 regarding discussion held between Hon'ble Chairman of the JMCI and Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, on various issues concerning the work of the Commission.

2. One of the issues raised in para-3 of your letter relates to the facilitation of a proposed visit by a Commission team to Taiwan in September 2004. The required information sought by you in this connection is given below:-

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(a) Hotel tariff for Grand Hyatt Hotel in Taipei is enclosed. The rates are subject to 10% Service charges. The Commission may decide which suite/rooms are appropriate for the members. Decision in this regard may be communicated urgently for facilitating booking/ reservation of rooms.

(b) Cost of hiring a car in Taipei is NT \$ 1400/- for 3 hours. For each additional hour- the charges are NT \$300/hour. For airport pick-up, the charges are NT \$1200/-.

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(c) Fees for interpreter, Chinese to English and vice versa, is NT \$12,000/- for 3 hours and NT \$24000/- for 6 hours.

Per diem DA in Taipei is US\$75.

The exchange rate is 1 US\$ = NT \$33 approximately.

3. We trust the above information would be adequate for drawing up the detailed programme of the visit.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
(L.D.Ralte)

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Room Type	Sq Meter	Sq Feet	Single	Double
Grand Room	31	/ 334	NT\$ 8,600 ✓	NT\$ 9,100
Grand Deluxe Room	31	/ 334	NT\$ 9,000 ✓	NT\$ 9,500
Executive Room ✓	50	/ 538	NT\$ 9,600	NT\$ 10,100
Grand Club Room	31	/ 334	NT\$ 10,100	NT\$ 10,600
Club Executive Room	50	/ 538	NT\$ 11,100	NT\$ 11,600

Premier Suite Type	Sq Meter	Sq Feet	Single	Double
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Club Executive Suite	80	/ 861	NT\$ 14,100	NT\$ 14,600
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Diplomatic Suite	185	/ 1,991	NT\$ 45,000	NT\$ 45,000
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EXTRA BED : NT\$1,200 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY : NT\$500

CHECK IN TIME : 3 p.m. CHECK OUT TIME : 12 noon

- The above rates are in effect as of January 2004.
- Corporate rates are available through our Sales and Marketing Department.
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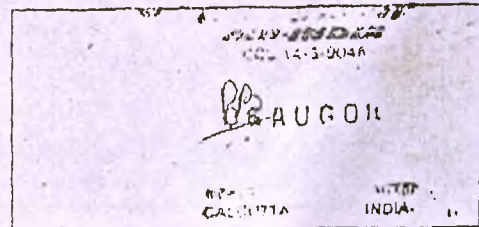
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सातवीं महोदय/महोदय आपके पत्रांक ता के शिलसिले में हम यहाँ भाड़ा संश्लेषण कर रहे हैं जिसका समग्र
रुटरी है।

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1) श्रेणी/भाड़ा का आधार
Class / Fare Basis

① @ ERT? + @
② @ ERT?

A
टिकट मूल्य
Ticket Price

B
वास्तविक मूल्य
Actual Cost

2) पूर्ण भाड़ा
Gross Fare

① @ ERT?
② @ ERT?

① @ INR 99055 + TAX
INR 3015

② @ INR 84700 + TAX
INR 3045

3) योज्यकर
Applicable Taxes

आई एन आर
INR

4) अन्य सेवा शुल्क
Other Service Charges

आई एन आर
INR

2 @ INR 16825 EQUIV
INR 18675 + TAX INR 1155

③ @ INR 13940 EQUIV INR 15475 + TAX INR 1155
अधिकतम
maximum

5) टिकट की मान्यता
Validity of Ticket (s)

न्यूनतम
minimum

One year

6) उपर्युक्त अतिरिक्त वजन का भाड़ा आई एन आर में प्र. के. जी

The Excess Baggage charges for the above routing is INR @ INR per kg.

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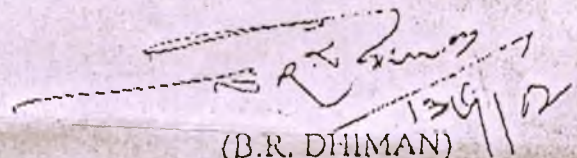
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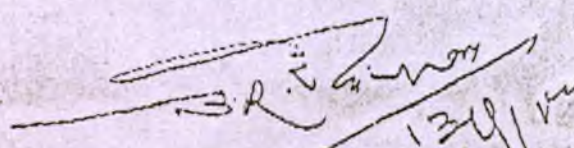
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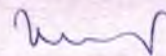
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I am directed to inform you that the Commission will hold its next sitting on 15.10.2004 starting at 11.00 AM at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007, when the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine / further examine the witnesses as named below :-

1. Dr. V. K. Kashyap,
2. Shri Amar Singh,
3. Shri M. L. Sharma,
4. Dr. S. K. Mondal,
5. Shri Subroto Bose,

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

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September 24, 2004

No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(IV)/ 217 (74)/2

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No.		Date	September 16, 2004

Please refer to Director (CNV)'s D.O. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated September 3, 2004 and EOI's fax of September 6, regarding documents/records from the Chinese Historical Archives in Nanjing.

We had written to the Chinese Historical Archives in Nanjing and, at their suggestion, also to the Nanjing Library. Both institutions have conveyed that they do not have any such book edited by Dr. T.R. Sareen, containing historical references to Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

Best wishes,

Sujan R. Chinoy
(Sujan R. Chinoy)

To convey to source

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To

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Sub:- Information on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

Dear Sir,

This is in connection with your letter of April 28, 2003 addressed to Mr. R. Sarieva, Chairman, Committee for Control over Archives and Documentation, Kazakhstan seeking information/material related to the alleged disappearance of the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, in the Archives of Kazakhstan

2. Enclosed herewith are letters dated 9th July and 25th May 2004 along with English translation. These letters are in response to your letter which was forwarded by the Mission.

3. It will be seen that there is no information on this matter in the Archives of various cities of Kazakhstan.

Yours faithfully,

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(Vidya Sagar Verma)



Copy to Shri LD Ralte, Director (CNV), MEA, New Delhi.

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**MINISTRY OF CULTURE
REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN
COMMITTEE ON CONTROL OVER ARCHIVES AND
DOCUMENTATION**

39, Abay street, Almaty, tel: (3272) 67 14 36, fax: 67 14 43

No. 4-31/259

09.07.2004

Embassy of India
in the Republic of Kazakhstan

As it has been advised earlier (letter dated 25.05.2004, No. 4-31/206), in connection with your request, the Committee on control over archives and documentation has commissioned the republican and oblast state archives to search out in archive funds for information on India's national leader Netaji Subhash Chandra Bos (Bose).

Unfortunately, as a result of search work, no information associated with his name has been found in the funds of Central State Archive of the Republic of Kazakhstan, state oblast archives, in Almaty and Astana archives.

Chairman of the Committee

R. Sarieva

N. P. Kropivnitski
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09.09.2009 № 4-31/259

Посольство Индии
в Республике Казахстан

Как сообщалось ранее (письмо от 25.05.2004 № 4-31/206), что в связи с вашим обращением Комитетом по управлению архивами и документацией было дано поручение республиканским и областным государственным архивам о поиске в архивных фондах сведений о национальном лидере Индии Нетаджи Субхаж Чандра Бос (Босе).

К сожалению, в результате проведенной работы какой-либо информации, связанной с его именем, в фондах Центрального государственного архива Республики Казахстан, государственных архивов областей, г.г. Астаны, Алматы не найдено.

Председатель Комитета

Р. Сариева

Кропивницкий Н.П.
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From: Committee for archive management and documentation,
Ministry of culture, Republic of Kazakhstan
39, Abai st., Almaty, tel: (3272) 671436; fax: (3272) 671443

Letter No. 4-31/206
25.05.2004

To: Mrs. Madhumita Hazarika, Second Secretary, Embassy of India

The Committee for archive management and documentation has considered a letter from the Embassy of India in Kazakhstan concerning search of information related to the national leader Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, and has the honour to inform that the Republican, Oblast state archives were instructed to find concerned information.

Due to lack of sufficient search data, the search process will require much time and results of the search will be conveyed to you in due course.

Besides, we consider it necessary to draw your attention to the fact that as per the National legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan there are special state archives being out of the jurisdiction of the Committee for archive management and documentation and which should be applied directly.

**R.Sarieva
Chairman**

Contact person:

Mr. Kropivnitski
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**Посольство Индии
в Республике Казахстан
Второму секретарю
Мадхумита Хазарика**

Комитет по управлению архивами и документацией, рассмотрев письмо Посольства Индии в Казахстане относительно поиска информации, касающейся национального лидера Нетаджи Субхаш Чандра Бос (Босе) сообщает, что республиканским, областным государственным архивам дано поручение о выявлении интересующих Вас сведений.

Ввиду отсутствия достаточных поисковых данных процесс поиска запрашиваемой Вами информации потребует значительного времени, и о его результатах будет сообщено дополнительно.

Кроме того полагаем необходимым обратить Ваше внимание, что в соответствии с Национальным законодательством в Республике Казахстан имеется ряд специальных государственных архивов, находящихся вне юрисдикции Комитета по управлению архивами и документацией и, в которые следует обращаться непосредственно.

Председатель

Р. Сариева

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MOST IMMEDIATE**FAX**

No. Mos/POL/125/01/90-III

To: Shri L.D. Ralte Director (CNV) Foreign New Delhi	From: Asoke Mukerji Charge d'Affaires Indembassy Moscow
	Tel: 7-095-2001239
Fax: 23792285	Fax: 7-095-9170077, 9752337
Internal distribution: Cd'A/FS(Pol)	

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(Asoke Mukerji)
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14.09.2004, Moscow

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Kindly refer to our fax of September 6, 2004 regarding the proposed visit of a JMCI team to Russia.

2. As informed earlier, based on your earlier message that the JMCI delegation could visit Russia from September 21, 2004, the Mission has accordingly made tentative engagements. A meeting with a group of scholars at the Institute of Oriental Studies (IOS), Moscow is being scheduled to take place on September 22, 2004. Our CG in St. Petersburg has also confirmed that the meeting with Prof. Y.V. Vassilkov could also be organised in St. Petersburg during September 23-24, 2004. Response of the Russian MFA on the issue of access to Archives in Russia remains awaited.

3. The IOS in Moscow has once again requested the Mission to get a confirmation of the arrival of the JMCI team in Moscow on September 21, for them to plan their schedule and extend invitations to various scholars who could meet the visiting JMCI team. Some scholars would need to be invited by the Institute from outside Moscow. The proposed meeting in St. Petersburg would also accordingly need to be firmed up.

4. Most grateful for an urgent response. Details of the logistical requirements of the visiting delegation may also kindly be sent alongwith necessary Sanction etc.

Wish kind regards,
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(Virander Paul)
First Secretary (Pol)
September 15, 2004

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D.O.No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/197

September 13, 2004

Dear *Sri Ralle*

May to Moscow?
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Sept 10

I am directed to invite a reference to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol. XII dated September 8, 2004 regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Russia and recall the discussions I had with you in your chamber on September 9, 2004 on the same subject. Your letter was received at the office of the Commission in Calcutta by fax on September 9, 2004 while the Commission was in New Delhi for its sitting at the Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. I, however, received the original letter from you when I called at your office on September 9, 2004. I would further request you to refer to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated September 3, 2004 which has been received at this end today.

Message sent
5 ETG Moscow

As desired by the Hon'ble Chairman, I explained to you that it was hardly possible to arrive at Moscow on September 21, 2004 as time available was too short for making the essential preparations for visit to Russia. In fact, only five working days from 13.9.04 to 17.9.04 are available to the Commission for making all preparations including sending intimation to all the deponents some of whom may like to be present at the sitting / meeting of the Commission in Moscow and other places in Russian Federation. In this connection, the fourth para of my d.o. letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/186 dated August 30, 2004 may also be referred to.

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For visit to Moscow and other places in Russian Federation the Commission has to obtain approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs as also the necessary sanction for incurring expenditure for air passage, daily cash allowance etc. Until and unless the necessary approval and sanction from the Ministry of Home Affairs are received steps for obtaining visa cannot be taken. Needless to say, Ministry of Home Affairs need reasonable time for communicating necessary approval and sanction. As our past experience shows, Ministry of Home Affairs take about three weeks or more to communicate approval of tour abroad and sanction for incurring expenditure. The programme can be finalised only after receiving approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs and then the deponents shall have to be informed of the final programme. The deponents will also need time to get visa for visit to Moscow and other places in Russian Federation.

I am directed to say that from your above quoted d.o. letter dated September 8, 2004 it appears that the Russian Institute of Oriental Studies, Moscow will invite the concerned scholars for the proposed meeting only after reconfirmation of the

programme of the Commission. It seems that no firm date of meeting has yet been fixed by the said Institute.

I am further directed to draw your notice that your aforesaid d.o. letter dated September 8, 2004 is silent about the Commission's proposed visit to Omsk, Paddosk and Irkhutsk which were included in the programme sent to you.. You have further stated in your d.o. letter that our Mission in Moscow is still awaiting confirmation from the Russian Foreign Office regarding the request of the Commission for access to the archives in Russia. Confirmation of the proposed visit to Moscow only for the meeting of the Russian Institute of Oriental Studies will result in splitting up of the programme of visit sent to you.

Your d.o. letter dt. September 3, 2004 received today further shows that confirmation regarding meeting with scholars in St. Petersburg is also awaited from our Mission there.

In the backdrop of the facts and circumstances explained above, it is, I am directed to say, hardly possible for the Commission to re-confirm its earlier programme of visiting Moscow from 21.9.04. The Commission has, therefore, now no alternative but to revise the programme after receiving further information regarding the proposed visit to Omsk, Paddosk and Irkhutsk and access to the archives in Russia..

The Commission will shortly communicate to you its decision regarding revised programme for visit to Moscow and other places in Russia.

With regards,

Yours

Sincerely,
P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Mr. L.D.Ralte,
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Ministry of External Affairs,
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South Block,
New Delhi 110 001.

D.O.No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/197/1

September 13, 2004

Copy forwarded to
Sri Umesh Kalra,
Director (Security),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Govt. of India, North Block,
New Delhi-110001 - for information. In this connection, the discussions the undersigned had with him in his chamber on 9.9.04 may kindly be recalled..

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(CNV DIVISION)
NEW DELHI**

FACSIMILE MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

FROM : FOREIGN NEW DELHI

TO : INDEMBASSY MOSCOW
[FAX : 7-095-9170077 / 9752337]

FOR ASOKE MUKERJI, DY CHIEF OF MISSION
FROM
L.D.RALTE, DIRECTOR (CNV)

REFERENCE MY FAX MESSAGES DATED 23 JULY
2004 AND 03 SEPTEMBER 2004 ~~AND~~ REGARDING
PROPOSED VISIT OF JMCI TEAM TO RUSSIA.


2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING WITH A GROUP OF
SCHOLARS IN IOS, MOSCOW ON 22.9.04 AND OTHER
DETAILS CONTAINED IN FS(POL)'S FAX MSGS NO.
MOS/POL/125/1/90-III DATED 26.8.2004 AND 6.9.2004
WERE CONVEYED TO JMCI.

3. THE JMCI HAS, IN TURN, CONVEYED TO US THAT
**IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON 21ST
SEPTEMBER,** AS TIME AVAILABLE FOR MAKING
PREPARATIONS WAS TOO SHORT. PREPARATIONS INCLUDE
SENDING INTIMATION TO ALL PROSPECTIVE DEPONENTS,
WHO WOULD ALSO NEED ADEQUATE TIME TO APPLY AND
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THAT MHA (WHICH APPROVES AND SANCTIONS SUCH
VISITS BY JMCI TEAMS), NEEDS AT-LEAST 3-WEEKS TO
COMMUNICATE THE REQUISITE SANCTION.

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5. THE COMMISSION HAS INDICATED THAT IT HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO REVISE THE PROGRAMME AND AWAIT RECEIPT OF INPUTS ON THE PENDING ASPECTS MENTIONED ABOVE.

Warm regards,


(L.D.RALTE)
DIRECTOR (CNV)

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Director (CIV)
D. O. No. 214/200-Vol.XII

September 10, 2004

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to my letter 214/200-Vol.XII dated May 17, 2004 regarding the request received from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) for assistance in locating some stolen Indian artifacts in the United States. The artifacts are of great historical and cultural value and are being sought for the purpose of returning them to the United States. The DOJ has provided a list of the artifacts and is requesting your assistance in locating them.

As previously stated, during his last meeting with DOJ on June 10, 2004, Justice/Attorney General requested that you assist in the search for the artifacts. The DOJ has provided a list of the artifacts and is requesting your assistance in locating them. It is requested that you contact the DOJ at the earliest possible date and provide them with the results of your search.

The DOJ is very grateful for any help you can provide. We will be in contact with you again as soon as we receive your report. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

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No. JMCI/Overseas/witnesses/2002-03/ Kolkata, dated, 5th February'04.
70(II)/432.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
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To : Mr. Joseph C. Pereira,
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S i r,

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(M. Roy)

Encl : As stated above. Officer on Special Duty

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Yoon, E. H. Roy, L. A. (Mesa)
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To: Mr. William E. Perkins
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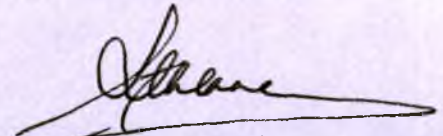
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Enclo: As stated.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

By Regd. Post with A/D.

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70(II)/432.

Kolkata, dated, 5th February'04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Mr. Joseph C. Pereira,
196, Bui Vien District I,
Ho Chi Minh City, VIETNAM
Mobile : + 84-903 667 081.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the feed back received by the Commission from the Embassy of India, Hanoi, through the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, said to be based on the information given by you to the Indian Consulate in Ho Chi Minh City in response to the publication of the notice of the Commission in English and Vietnamese language dailies on December 12, 2003 and to request you to kindly send to the Commission a copy of the book titled "Kojak Rebels" published by a Singaporean publisher as also to furnish the Commission with the addresses of the son and the daughter of Mr. Gerald De Cruz as stated therein so that the Commission may officially approach them to elicit relevant information, if any, from them.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Encl : As stated above. Officer on Special Duty



L.D.Ralte
Director (CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII

September 10, 2004

Dear

Rakesh,

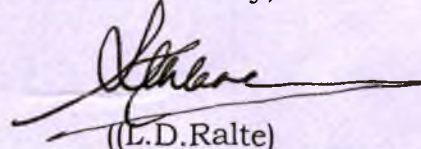
Please refer to my letter 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated July 23, 2004, regarding the request received from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), for assistance in locating some suitable Indian Scholars or students of Post Graduate level (preferably of Law/History/ Political Science/ Economics etc.), for the purpose of archival research relevant to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at various American repositories of historical documents.

2. As conveyed earlier, during his last meeting with EAM in June 2004, Justice Mukerjee had requested for someone in our Mission in Washington to be deputed to look at the relevant documents being offered by the Americans. The JMCI has now reiterated its request, clarifying that **'what is required is research work to find out whether there are relevant documents in the archival records in the USA'**.


3. The JMCI is yet again pressing for an early response. We shall be grateful if the Mission could depute someone for the purpose or alternatively explore the possibility of hiring a suitable person to do the research work. Would appreciate your early feedback in the matter.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


(L.D. Ralte)

Shri Rakesh Sood,
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of India
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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/
70(III)/191.

Kolkata, dated, 2nd September '04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
Government of India,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to your statement regarding para 4(c)(iv) of the Commission's Status Report for June, 2004 and to state that the Joint Secretary (CNV) was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2002-2003/70(II)/188 dated 05.08.2003 to send particulars of some suitable Indian scholars/students of Post Graduate class available in the USA indicating/suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them, unless they agree to do the job of archival research at various American Repositories of relevant historical documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, free of remuneration for accademic interest or for the love and respect for Netaji, and that it may not be presumed that some specific documents have been offered by the American side which might be perused by an Officer to be deputed by the Indian Mission in Washington as appears to have been stated in your said statement at page 2 against para 4(c)(iv). I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly take necessary action in the matter as requested by the Commission in its aforesaid letter dated 05.08.2003 expeditiously, unless the Officer to be deputed by the Indian Mission in Washington is in a position to do archival research, relevant to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at various American Repositories of historical documents. What is needed is research work to find out whether there are relevant documents in the archival records in the U.S.A.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

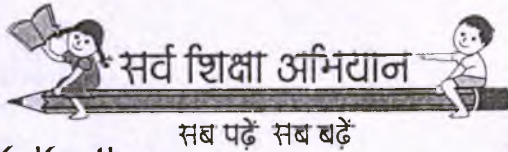
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

No.25/4/NGO-XI

September 4, 2004

I write with reference to your letters dated July 8, 2004 and August 11, 2004 regarding your conversations with Mrs. Anita Pfaff, daughter of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. We do appreciate the wishes of Mrs. Pfaff that the matter of her father's death/disappearance be brought to a closure as soon as possible. However, as you are aware, this issue is contentious in nature and has been the subject matter of enquiry by three separate Commissions, the latest being the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry (JMCI) which was set up by the Government of India in December 1999. The JMCI has been tasked to enquire into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith – including whether Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is dead or alive; if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash in Taipei, as alleged; and whether the ashes in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo are indeed his mortal remains.

3. The issue of the return of the mortal remains lying in the Renkoji Temple to India is thus linked to the outcome of the enquiry being conducted by the JMCI. Earlier this year, Rev. Mochizuki, Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple, informed our Ambassador in Tokyo that even though he had some reservations from the spiritual angle, he would not object to a DNA test being conducted on the mortal remains in his custody. If the DNA test confirms the remains to be those of Netaji, he would be willing to hand over the casket containing the ashes but would like to keep a portion of the ashes in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. This offer was communicated to the JMCI, which has decided to conduct the DNA test of the mortal remains. We do not know at present how soon the DNA test would be undertaken, though EAM has recently assured Justice Mukherjee of our full cooperation in the matter.

4. I am sharing the above for your information only. At this stage, we can only advise Mrs. Anita Pfaff that the JMCI is seized with the matter and that the Government is awaiting the findings of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

(Ashok K. Kantha)

Shri T.C.A. Rangachari,
Ambassador of India,
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S.K. Makhijani
First Secretary

No.HAN/103/16/2002

September 12, 2004

Dear Shri Jain,

Please refer to your fax dated 12 December, 2004 (copy enclosed) regarding information in connection with the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose given by Mr. Joseph C. Pereira, a Singaporean national of Indian origin to the Consulate.

2. The information provided by Shri Pereira to the consulate was duly conveyed to Director(CNV) by the Embassy. We have now received a letter No.25/4/NGO Vol.XII dated 10.9.04 (copy enclosed) from Director(CNV) addressed to Ambassador stating that the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) has not been able to contact Mr. Pereira for obtaining a copy of the book titled "Kojak Rebels" as well as the contact address of the son and daughter of late Mr. De Cruz. A copy of JMCI's letter dated 5.2.04 addressed to Mr. Pereira is enclosed.

3. You are kindly requested to pursue the matter with Mr. Pereira and try and arrange to obtain a copy of the above mentioned book as well as other details sought by JMCI and send it to Director(CNV) under intimation to us.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(S.K. Makhijani)

Shri A.K. Jain
Consul
Consulate General of India
HCM City

Copy for information to: Shri R.D. Ralte, Director(CNV), MEA, New Delhi

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NOTICE		
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has been set up by the Government of India with the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India, as its Chairman to inquire into the facts and circumstances related to the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including the following matters:		
(a) Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive; (b) If he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged; (c) Whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose; (d) Whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how; (e) If he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.		
The materials in the possession of the Commission till now tend to make it appear to the Commission that evidence relevant to the points of enquiry is likely to be available at HCM city. To explore the possibility of getting such evidence the Commission may visit HCM city.		
Any individual, group of persons, associations, institutions or organizations acquainted with or having knowledge, directly or indirectly, of the facts and circumstances relating to the aforesaid matters referred to the Commission for Inquiry and having interest in the proceedings before the Commission or wishing to assist the Commission in making the inquiry into the matters as mentioned above may contact the Embassy of India in Hanoi (Tel: 04 8244990)/Consulate General of India in HCM city (Tel: 08 9303539) or the Commission direct at the postal address, Fax No. and e-mail address of the Commission given above.		

Ref. above.

Mr. Joseph C. Pereira, a Singaporean national of Indian origin, called on to report that one Gerald De Cruz acted as the personal assistant to Netaji in Saigon during the period 1943-45 (i) He wrote a book called "Rajah Rebels" which was published by a Singaporean publisher (i) Mr Gerald De Cruz, since deceased, married a Bulgarian lady (i) His son, Mr Simon Tensing De Cruz is presently Singapore's Ambassador to Myanmar (i) His daughter, Mrs Subith Priakash, is presently a high court judge in Singapore (i) Mr. Pereira opined that the family of Gerald De Cruz might have some relevant information (i)

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L.D.Ralte
Director (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

September 10, 2004

Dear

Ambassador,

Please refer to First Secretary/HOC's letter no. HAN/103/16/2002 dated December 12, 2003 regarding the publication of a notice in leading Vietnamese newspapers relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. It was conveyed therein that a Singapore national of Indian origin - Mr. Joseph C. Pereira (based in Ho Chi Minh City) had contacted the Indian Consulate after publication of the Notice and provided some feedback on the issue. Mr. Pereira had made a reference to one Mr. Gerald De Cruz, who had written a book titled "Kojak Rebels"-published by a Singaporean publisher.

2. The feedback received from Mr. Pereira through you, was conveyed to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. The JMCI has been trying unsuccessfully so far, to contact Mr. Pereira for obtaining a copy of the said book as well as the contact address of the son and daughter of Late Mr. De Cruz. A copy of JMCI's letter dated 5.2.2004 addressed to Mr. Pereira in this regard is enclosed.

3. We shall be grateful if you could pursue the matter with Mr. Pereira and obtain as early as possible, a copy of the said book as well as the other details sought by the JMCI.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)
(L.D.Ralte)

Shri N.Ravi,
Ambassador of India,
Embassy of India,
Hanoi

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No. JMCI/overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/ Kolkata, dated, 5th February'04.
70(II)/492.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
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Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Encl : As stated above. Officer on Special Duty

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FEEDBACK RECEIVED BY EMBASSY OF INDIA, HANOI
AND INDIAN CONSULATE IN HO CHI MINH CITY-
AFTER PUBLICATION OF NOTICE IN ENGLISH &
VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE DAILIES
ON DECEMBER 12, 2003.

One Mr. Joseph C. Pereira of Ho Chi Minh City, who is a Singaporean nation of Indian origin, contacted the Indian Consulate and gave the following information:

"One Gerald De Cruz acted as the personal assistant to Netaji in Saigon during the period 1943 to 1945. He wrote a book called "Kojak Rebels" which was published by a Singaporean publisher. Mr. Gerald De Cruz, since deceased, married a Bulgarian lady. His son Mr. Simon Tensing De Cruz is presently Singapore's Ambassador to Myanmar. His daughter Mrs. Judith Prakash is presently a High Court judge in Singapore."

Mr. Pereira also opined that the family of Gerald De Cruz might have some relevant information. The contact information of Mr. Pereira in Ho Chi Minh City and in Singapore are as follows:-

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No. WAS/POL/845/02/03

September 10, 2004

Dear Ralte

Please refer to your DO No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated 10th September and earlier DO of even number dated 23rd July, 2004. In this connection, Counsellor(Political) Shri D.N. Srivastava had replied on 19th August, 2004 (copy attached for ready reference).

2. I have not been able to locate anybody working in this particular area of study. However, I can certainly request our CGIs in New York, Chicago, Houston and San Francisco but it would be useful if one knew the location as to where these archival records are available.

3. Incidentally, your letter of 2nd August, 2004 regarding Hon'ble Chairman Justice M.K. Mukherjee's private visit to USA was received only on 24th August, literally, a day after his departure. As such, we were not in a position to establish contact with the Hon'ble Chairman.

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recovered. Sorry
(Sd/-)*

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Rakesh Sood
(Rakesh Sood)

Shri L.D. Ralte
Director(CNV)

Ministry of External Affairs
South Block
New Delhi.

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No.WAS/POL/845/2/03

August 19, 2004

Dear Shri Ralte,

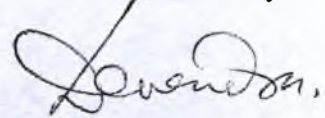
Please refer to your D.O. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated July 23, 2004 regarding requests from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

Your letter states that "Justice Mukherjee informed EAM during the meeting that the Americans had offered to show the Commission some documents" and that someone from this Mission should be deputed to look at these documents.

We shall be grateful to know further details in the matter viz. name and particulars of the persons who offered to show the documents, the kind of documents to be looked into as well as the institution/organization where these would be available, to enable us take further action in the matter.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,


de (D.N. Srivastava)

Shri L.D. Ralte,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.



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Biren Nanda,
Deputy Chief of Mission
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No.ToK/102/2/03

September 8, 04

My dear Ashok,

This has reference to Ambassador Rangachari's two self-explanatory letters dated 8th July and 11th August, 2004[copies enclosed]addressed to you.

2. Your attention is invited in this connection to Ambassador Tripathi's letter of even number dated 9th April, 2004[copy enclosed]addressed to former Foreign Secretary Shashank summarizing recent developments relating to the Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and recommending a course of action that would, in our view, conclusively bring to an end the controversy about the ashes in the custody of the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

3. Kindly let us know if the Ministry has since taken a view on our recommendation contained in Ambassador's Tripathi's letter mentioned above.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
[Biren Nanda]

Shri Ashok K.Kantha,
Joint Secretary[EA],
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block, NEW DELHI

Copy for information to:

1. Shri L.D.Ralte, Director[CNV], MEA, New Delhi
2. Shri T.C.A.Rangachari, Ambassador of India, Berlin.

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[Biren Nanda]

I thought we had replied?

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8th July 2004

My dear Joint Secretary,

Ms. Anita Pfaff, daughter of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, has informed me that she will be traveling to Japan on the occasion of her father's death anniversary in mid-August and wanted to know whether any decision had been taken in regard to the return of her father's ashes from the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo to India. She enquired also whether the Commission that had been appointed by the previous Government had completed its work and whether the new Government would be willing to bring this historic chapter to closure.

2. I would be grateful if you could let me know Government's thinking in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(T.C.A. Rangachari)

Shri Ashok K. Kantha,
Joint Secretary (EA)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Copy to: Shri M.L. Tripathi, Ambassador of India, E/I, Tokyo. Ms. Anita Pfaff said that she would like to call on you when she is in Tokyo. This is likely to be on or around 18th August 2004.

Regards,

(T.C.A. Rangachari)



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No.Berl/Pol/101/3/04

11th August 2004

My dear Joint Secretary,

This is in continuation of my letter of even number dated 8th July 2004.

2. Mrs. Anita Pfaff, daughter of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, called to say that she was unable to make the trip to Japan due to some organizational problems. She then asked me about GoI's thinking on bringing closure to the Netaji matter. Her family, and she herself, did not believe that Netaji was still alive. Such leads, as had become available during the last ten years or so, had brought forth no new evidence that he was alive. She recalled her meeting with the then EAM, Shri Pranab Mukherjee (now RM), in 1995 during his visit to Germany, and felt he shared this view. She was aware of the position of the Forward Bloc and some others; also that GoI had set up another Commission to review the evidence. She wondered whether the Commission had any worthwhile new information and when it would complete its work. She said that next year, the 60th anniversary of the end of War, might be a good occasion to bring this chapter to a close. Associates of Netaji were disappearing fast; those who still remain are very old. It is their wish, too, that this matter be laid to rest. One way of doing so could be by bringing back the ashes from the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo to India with appropriate solemnity and honours.

3. I would be grateful if you could let me know what response Government would wish to give to Mrs. Anita Pfaff.

Yours sincerely,


(T.C.A. Rangachari)

Shri Ashok K. Kantha,
Joint Secretary (EA)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Copy to:

- (i) Ms. Bhaswati Mukherjee, Joint Secretary (Europe-I), MEA, New Delhi.
- (ii) Shri M.L. Tripathi, Ambassador of India, E/I, Tokyo.

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Kindly refer to our fax of September 3, 2004 regarding the proposed visit of a JMCI team to Russia. Your message no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated September 3, 2004 also refers.

2. We have today been requested by the Russian Institute of Oriental Studies (IOS), Moscow that the dates of the visit of the JMCI team could kindly be urgently reconfirmed, particularly in regard to the meeting of the JMCI team being scheduled to take place at the IOS, Moscow on September 22, 2004. They have emphasised that an earliest possible reconfirmation on this would help them timely invite the concerned scholars for the meeting, several of whom are required to be called from places outside Moscow.

3. Subject to the final convenience of the JMCI team to arrive in Moscow on September 21, 2004, the meeting at the IOS, Moscow may take place on September 22, 2004. The meeting with Prof. Y.V. Vassilkov of IOS in St. Petersburg could possibly take place on September 23, 2004. As regards access to the Archives, the Russian MFA has still not given us a confirmation.

4. Most grateful if you could kindly let us know the plans of JMCI team as early as possible.

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(Virander Paul)
First Secretary (Pol)
September 6, 2004

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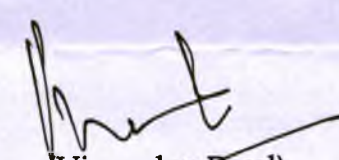
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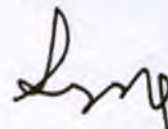
2. Vide our message of August 26 we had conveyed the readiness of the Russian Institute of Oriental Studies to receive the JMCI group for discussions with a select group of Russian scholars on September 22, 2004. Our earlier fax messages informing you about the local position also refer. We have today also received a confirmation from our Consul General in St. Petersburg that Prof. Y.V. Vassilkov of the Institute of Oriental Studies (St. Petersburg) would be available for a discussion with the visiting JMCI team on September 23-24, 2004.

3. As regards access for the JMCI team to the various Archives in Russia, the Russian Foreign Ministry has still not responded. As informed earlier, the Mission has been closely pursuing this matter. A formal reminder to the Russian MFA has been sent today through a Note Verbale.

4. The Ministry may wish to convey the above position to JMCI and ascertain their views particularly on the dates of the visit. For the interactions that have already been fixed, the Institutes, both in Moscow and St. Petersburg, would need a reconfirmation from us if the JMCI team is visiting Russia on the proposed dates i.e. September 21 onwards to timely plan the meetings further.

With kind regards,


(Virander Paul)
First Secretary (Pol)
September 3, 2004


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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

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No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/190.

Kolkata, dated, 2nd Sept.'04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
Government of India,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to your statement in respect of para 3 of the Commission's Status Report for June, 2004 sent to the Commission with your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. XII dated August 18, 2004 and to request you to kindly pursue the matter with the Deputy High Commissioner, London, closely so that the response solicited in respect of a copy of the official paper bearing No. 5190, which is an extract from a note of discussion between Lord Wavell, the Secretary of State and R. Arthur Henderson held on 27th August, (1945 ?), is received by the Commission as expeditiously as possible as the said note appears to indicate that the Viceroy had already initiated an inquiry to ascertain whether it was true that Subhas Bose had been killed in an air accident.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty



Satyabrata Pal
Deputy High Commissioner

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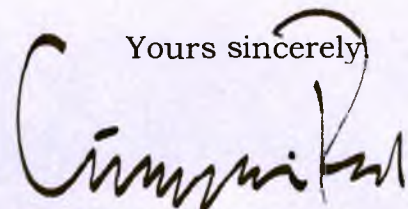
Dear Shri Ralte,

This is in reply to your letter No.25/4/NGO.Vol.XII of August 18, on the request from the Justice Mukerhjee Commission of Inquiry for more information on the British official paper No.5190.

2. Attached is a copy of a note recorded by Minister, Shri P.M. Meena, together with its enclosures. The documents in the enclosures must certainly already be with the JMCI, but since the officials in the National Archives were good enough to furnish these copies, they are being sent for the information of the Commission.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


(Satyabrata Pal)

Shri L.D. Ralte,
Director (CNV),
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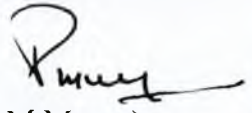
Reference Dir(CNV)'s letter No. 25/4/NGO-VolX regarding information sought by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry about Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

As discussed with DHC visits were made to British Library, Euston Road and National Archives (Public Record Office), Richmond, Surrey to obtain information on the issues raised in the letter. Research Advisers at both the places were very helpful and we made exhaustive search to locate the relevant information on the electronic, microfilms as well as printed material like old secret files and books. The following papers have been photocopied which have some information about Netaji and INA:

1. Extract from New Scotland Yard Report No. 305 dated 29.8.45 - A
2. Extracts from Note by Military Intelligence dated 14.9.45 - B
3. Loose Minute of MI 2 regarding Death of Netaji dated 20.1.47 - C
4. Statement of Mr. Yoshimi, Medical Captain of the Imperial Japanese Army on the death of Netaji. - D

We could not find any relevant material relating to the Inquiry initiated by the Viceroy as mentioned in the document No. 5190. I have seen the file and there was no paper after the document No. 5190 in the file. Similarly, there was no mention about Netaji or the INA in the secret files from Churchill's private office papers which were available at the National Archives.

For information please.


(P.M.Meena)
Minister (Pol)

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Extract from New Scotland Yard Report No. 305 dated
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SUHAS CHANDRA BOSE

Following the Japanese report published in the London press of 23rd August stating that Subhas Chandra BOSE had died as a result of injuries sustained in an aircraft accident, Indians in the Metropolis have, on the whole, shown themselves to be rather sceptical about its authenticity, but are prepared to believe it until facts prove otherwise. These Indians feel that their country has lost a great patriot and fighter for freedom, but they concede that Bose's death, although untimely, is a blessing in disguise as it will save the Indian people witnessing one of their most ardent patriots being humiliated before a British tribunal.

Among the various individuals who have expressed their feelings on the matter are Chowdry Ali Akbar KHAN, Nripatinath GHOSE, V.S.S.SASTRY, Mohan Lall SHARMA and Dr.C.B.VAKIL.

KHAN claimed that Bose's death was a great loss; he was one of the greatest patriots India had ever produced, and was rightly called India's de Valera. KHAN objected to the British press describing Bose as a quisling, and added that in Indian eyes, the quislings and traitors were those Indians in the British camp.

SASTRY regretted that Bose had found it necessary to join forces with Japanese imperialists. He said that Bose should have remained in India, as did other leaders,

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and carried on the struggle against British imperialism.

SHARMA described Bose as the most militant and uncompromising enemy of the British Raj. He expressed his doubts about the truth of the report, but stated that, dead or alive, Bose's contribution to the fight for India's independence would not be forgotten.

VAKIL, when he heard of the report, said he was shocked beyond measure; he, too, considered that it was possible that Bose might be alive, in which case he hoped that Bose, that avowed enemy of British imperialism, would return to India and continue his fight against the hated British Raj.

As soon as GHOSE heard the news, he closed his establishment, the L'Orient Restaurant, 56, St. Giles High Street, W.C.

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Lord Pethick-Lawrence to Sir J. Colville

Telegram, L/Mil/7/19590: f 176

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INDIA OFFICE, 14 September 1945, 9 am

No. 20364. Your letter dated 5th March No. 38/4.¹

Future officering of the Indian Forces. H.M.G. have now approved in principle, subject to subsequent examination of details, proposals formulated in C.-in-C's memorandum, and I authorise you to place them before your Council. If accepted by Council, as I trust they will be, you will no doubt wish to make an early announcement which should be synchronised with announcement in this country. I should be grateful if you would telegraph text of proposed announcement in good time for examination here. Since A[ir] M[inistry] wish to keep open question of either attachment² or secondment announcement should not commit itself to secondment.

I presume you will in due course forward proposals for detailed conditions of service in amplification of para. 9 of C.in-C's memorandum, or alternatively send a mission to London to discuss such details with the India Office and Service Departments.

¹ Vol. V, No. 297.

² 'attachment' deciphered as 'veto'.

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Note by Military Intelligence (Extract)

L/WS/1/1506: f 44

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SOUTH EAST ASIA COMMAND AND INDIA COMMAND
FORTNIGHTLY SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 3

6. The Japanese report of Bose's death is also a matter of considerable importance not only in the political arena but also to those concerned with security: the continued existence of "Netaji", possibly underground, would undoubtedly maintain the fervour of the many Jifs, military and civilian, who came under what was almost a spell, while the confirmed end of their leader would probably have something of an opposite effect.

7. The report of Bose's death was received in most quarters in India with sympathy and regret expressed by meetings and *hartals*, but scepticism widely persists. Reactions in Bengal particularly are of interest. It is generally believed

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there that the news has been faked with Japanese connivance and that Bose has gone underground to re-appear at the correct psychological moment, which may be provided by the installation of a National Government or by a decision by the existing Government to take a very lenient view of the treachery of Bose and the I.N.A. Political circles in the province have been greatly interested in the recent news item which alleged that Bose had been seen alive in Saigon after the aircraft accident.

8. Where the report has been generally accepted there is a feeling of disappointment that Bose will now be unable to return to his homeland to take his "rightful place"; that he would have been forgiven by Government is taken almost for granted, particularly in view of the delicate political situation. Bose's case is of course inextricably bound up with the future of captured members of the I.N.A. Press comments in relation to both betray readiness to minimize their offence and to emphasise the patriotic though misguided motives and, in respect of the I.N.A., the extremity and violence of enemy pressure, from which these offences are alleged to have sprung. There is, further, in some papers an undercurrent of malicious satisfaction that Bose and his men found opportunity for this misguided activity. Jawaharlal Nehru, as was to be expected, has aired his views freely on the subject, in mischievous terms. While recognizing the "English approach" to this question he stresses the importance of the "Indian approach".

9. Bose's established death would solve the difficult problem of dealing with him but his patriotism and activities, even though from the wrong side of the fence, are likely to hold an important place in the nationalist mind, particularly that of the young Bengali; one politician even declared that his "legend will continue to inspire the people and steel them in their determination to free India and Asia from Imperialism".

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Field Marshal Viscount Wavell to Mr Jinnah

L/P&S/13/1265: f 37

No. 295/2/G.

NEW DELHI, 16 September 1945

Dear Mr. Jinnah,

You know from my Private Secretary's letter dated August 26¹ the circumstances in which I have not been able to reply until now to your telegram of August 22² on the situation in Kashmir, for which I thank you.

¹ Acknowledging No. 55 and saying that Lord Wavell would reply on his return from London.
L/P&S/13/1265: f 74.

² No. 55.

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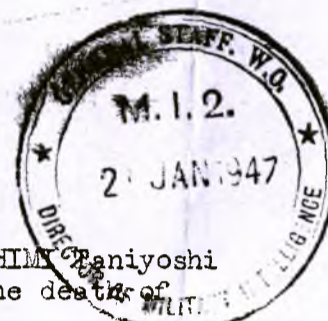
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M.I.2.

Death of SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE



1. Enclosed is a copy of a statement made by Captain YOSHIMIZU Taniyoshi a medical officer of the Japanese Imperial Army concerning the death of SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.
2. The statement was received originally from War Crimes Liaison Officer HONG KONG the testator being interned in STANLEY Gaol HONG KONG.
3. The original statement is in the possession of War Crimes Section S.E.A.L.F. *Foreign Office Law Office*
4. The India Office ~~has~~ had a copy of this report.

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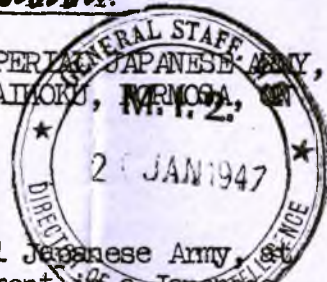
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STATEMENT OF YOSHIMI TANEYOSHI, CAPTAIN (MEDICAL) OF THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY, WITH REGARD TO THE DEATH OF ONE CHANDRA BOSE, WHO DIED AT TAIHOKU, FORMOSA, 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 1945.



I, TANEYOSHI YOSHIMI, Captain (Medical) of the Imperial Japanese Army, present at Stanley Gaol, Hong Kong, having observed a statement in a Japanese newspaper, requesting information regarding the death of Chandra Bose, wish of my own free will to place any knowledge I have of this matter at the disposal of the Authorities requiring it. To the best of my ability and memory I hear state the events surrounding the death of Chandra Bose.

In August, 1945, I was the Senior Officer at the NANMON Military Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa. At about 1700 hrs on the 18th day of August, 1945 a truck driven up before the hospital contained several men who had been injured in an aeroplane crash. Two of the men were Indians, and the remainder, about five or six in number were Japanese. One of the Japanese, a Staff Officer with the rank of Lt-Colonel whose name I cannot properly recall, but believe was Ishii -something, informed me that one of the Indians, pointing him out, was Chandra Bose and that I was not to spare myself and must give him the very best of treatment. I immediately gave instructions for some medical orderlies to go and prepare a bed, and for others to carry in the injured man.

When he was laid on the bed, I personally cleaned his injuries with oils and dressed them. He was suffering from extensive burns over the whole of his body, though the most serious were those on his head, chest and thighs. There was very little left on his head in the way of hair or other identification marks. During the first four hours he was semi-conscious, and practically normal, speaking quite a good deal. The first words I remember him speaking were in Japanese, when he made a request for water, which had to be fed to him through a hospital cup with a spout. As most of his speaking was in English, a request for an interpreter was made, and one was sent from the Civil Government Offices named NAKAMURA. He informed me that he had very often interpreted for Chandra Bose and had had many conversations with him. He appeared to have no doubt that the man he was speaking with was Chandra Bose. During the treating of his injuries, I twice inquired of Chandra Bose if he was in any pain, and neither time did he make any answer. After about four hours, I inquired whether there was any statement, will, or such matter he wished to make. He answered "Nothing". After the fourth hour he appeared to be sinking into unconsciousness. He murmured, and muttered in his state of coma, but never regained consciousness. At about 2300 hrs. he died. There was apart from the injuries mentioned above, abrasions on his elbows and knees. There were no fractures.

The other Indian was a Chandra Bose's Adjutant, a Colonel of the Indian National Army, who was suffering from burns to the sides of his head, arms, hands and knees. I do not remember this man's name, but recall that it was a very long one. He was a very tall man, about six feet or over, medium build, and clean shaven.

It was the wish of this Colonel, and also that of the authorities that the remains of Chandra Bose should be transported to Tokyo, and to facilitate this I injected Formalin into the body, and also had the coffin partly filled with lime. The whole was put in a box, and on the 20th August, was taken to Taihoku airport for transporting to Japan, in charge of Warrant Officer NISHI. W.O. Nishi returned later and informed me that the body could for some unknown reason, not be taken to Japan, and was to be sent to the crematorium for cremation. I therefore made out a Death Certificate, stating the causes of death to be extensive burning and shock. The orders for this change of plans came from the Adjutant's Department, Taiwan Army.

On the morning of the 19th August, Colonel Miyata, Staff Officer of General Ando came to the hospital to express mourning on behalf of General Ando and his staff, and as is our custom brought gifts of flowers, fruits and cakes for the deceased. The news of the death of Chandra Bose was kept a secret, and I and my staff were warned not to divulge that we knew who it was that had died. The news was as far as I can remember published in the public press early in the month of September, 1945.

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STATEMENT OF YOSHIMI TANEYOSHI CONTINUED

the other passengers of the aircraft I have some direct and some information which was told to me. As far as I could make out, the aircraft, carrying Chandra Bose, his Adjutant and about ten or twelve others (Japanese), took off from the Taihoku Air Port, and after rising to a height of about thirty feet, suddenly burst into flames and crashed to the ground. A Major-General SHIDEI and two others were killed, or unable to escape and were burned with the plane. The others escaped or were rescued, and were brought to Nanmon Hospital. The two pilots, Warrant Officer (later 2/Lt.) AOYAGI and a Sergeant Major., were both burned, but after remaining in my care for about two or three weeks had practically recovered and were transferred to the Hokuto Military Hospital where I later heard they had died, about three weeks after admittance.

The Indian Colonel, Adjutant to Chandra Bose, remained in my care for about 10 days, and was then sent to the Hokuto Military Hospital. The interpreter Nakamura went up there with him, and I have no knowledge of what became of either of them. I do know however that the ashes of Chandra Bose were handed over to the Indian Colonel.

There is nothing more I can remember of this matter, at the present, but will give thought to it, and anything of importance I later remember I will disclose.

Signed at Stanley Gaol, this 19th Day of October, 1946.

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Name in Block Letters. YOSHIMI TANEYOSHI.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERPRETER.

I, HANAGAKI YOSHIO, state that I truly and correctly translated the above statement made by YOSHIMI TANEYOSHI, into English, and saw it taken down by Captain A. R. Turner. I later read over the whole of the above statement in the Japanese language, and YOSHIMI TANEYOSHI agreed and then signed the above statement, in the presence of myself and Captain A. R. Turner.

Signed at Stanley Gaol, this 19th Day of October, 1946.

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Name in Block Letters. HANAGAKI YOSHIO.

I, ALFRED RAYMOND TURNER took the above statement of YOSHIMI TANEYOSHI, with regard to the death of Chandra Bose, and the Certificate of the Interpreter HANAGAKI YOSHIO at Stanley Gaol, this 19th day of October, 1946, duly witnessing their signatures.

..... Captain.,
A. R. TURNER.

War Crimes Liaison Section (Formosa).

Hong Kong,
19th Oct. 1946.



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August 19, 2004

Dear Shri Ralte,

Please refer to your D.O. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated July 23, 2004 regarding requests from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

Your letter states that "Justice Mukherjee informed EAM during the meeting that the Americans had offered to show the Commission some documents" and that someone from this Mission should be deputed to look at these documents.

We shall be grateful to know further details in the matter viz. name and particulars of the persons who offered to show the documents, the kind of documents to be looked into as well as the institution/organization where these would be available, to enable us take further action in the matter.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)
(D.N. Srivastava)

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Shri L.D. Ralte,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
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(CNV DIVISION)
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FACSIMILE MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

FROM : FOREIGN NEW DELHI

TO : INDEMBASSY MOSCOW

[FAX : 7-095-9170077 / 9752337]

FOR ASOKE MUKERJI, DY CHIEF OF MISSION
FROM
L.D.RALTE, DIRECTOR (CNV)

REFERENCE MY FAX MESSAGES DATED 23 JULY
2004 AND 03 SEPTEMBER 2004 ~~AND~~ REGARDING
PROPOSED VISIT OF JMCI TEAM TO RUSSIA.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING WITH A GROUP OF
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MOS/POL/125/1/90-III DATED 26.8.2004 AND 6.9.2004
WERE CONVEYED TO JMCI.


3. THE JMCI HAS, IN TURN, CONVEYED TO US THAT
**IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON 21ST
SEPTEMBER,** AS TIME AVAILABLE FOR MAKING
PREPARATIONS WAS TOO SHORT. PREPARATIONS INCLUDE
SENDING INTIMATION TO ALL PROSPECTIVE DEPONENTS,
WHO WOULD ALSO NEED ADEQUATE TIME TO APPLY AND
OBTAIN VISAS FOR RUSSIA. IT HAS ALSO BEEN CONVEYED
THAT MHA (WHICH APPROVES AND SANCTIONS SUCH
VISITS BY JMCI TEAMS), NEEDS AT-LEAST 3-WEEKS TO
COMMUNICATE THE REQUISITE SANCTION.

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4. WHILE MISSION HAS CONFIRMED THE MEETING IN IOS, MOSCOW, NOTHING HAS BEEN MENTIONED ABOUT THE COMMISSION'S REQUESTED PLANNED VISIT TO OMSK, PADDOSK AND IRKHUTSK. NOR HAS ANY CONFIRMATION BEEN OBTAINED WITH REGARD TO MEETINGS IN ST.PETERSBURG AND COMMISSION'S REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RUSSIAN ARCHIVES. **JMCI HAS THUS EXPRESSED ITS INABILITY TO CONFIRM ITS EARLIER PROGRAMME TO VISIT MOSCOW FROM 21.9.2004.**

5. THE COMMISSION HAS INDICATED THAT IT HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO REVISE THE PROGRAMME AND AWAIT RECEIPT OF INPUTS ON THE PENDING ASPECTS MENTIONED ABOVE.

Warm regards,


(L.D.RALTE)
DIRECTOR (CNV)

NO. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII
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D.O.No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/197

September 13, 2004

Dear *Sri Ralle*

I am directed to invite a reference to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol. XII dated September 8, 2004 regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Russia and recall the discussions I had with you in your chamber on September 9, 2004 on the same subject. Your letter was received at the office of the Commission in Calcutta by fax on September 9, 2004 while the Commission was in New Delhi for its sitting at the Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. I, however, received the original letter from you when I called at your office on September 9, 2004. I would further request you to refer to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated September 3, 2004 which has been received at this end today.

As desired by the Hon'ble Chairman, I explained to you that it was hardly possible to arrive at Moscow on September 21, 2004 as time available was too short for making the essential preparations for visit to Russia. In fact, only five working days from 13.9.04 to 17.9.04 are available to the Commission for making all preparations including sending intimation to all the deponents some of whom may like to be present at the sitting / meeting of the Commission in Moscow and other places in Russian Federation. In this connection, the fourth para of my d.o. letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/186 dated August 30, 2004 may also be referred to.

For visit to Moscow and other places in Russian Federation the Commission has to obtain approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs as also the necessary sanction for incurring expenditure for air passage, daily cash allowance etc. Until and unless the necessary approval and sanction from the Ministry of Home Affairs are received steps for obtaining visa cannot be taken. Needless to say, Ministry of Home Affairs need reasonable time for communicating necessary approval and sanction. As our past experience shows, Ministry of Home Affairs take about three weeks or more to communicate approval of tour abroad and sanction for incurring expenditure. The programme can be finalised only after receiving approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs and then the deponents shall have to be informed of the final programme. The deponents will also need time to get visa for visit to Moscow and other places in Russian Federation.

I am directed to say that from your above quoted d.o. letter dated September 8, 2004 it appears that the Russian Institute of Oriental Studies, Moscow will invite the concerned scholars for the proposed meeting only after reconfirmation of the

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programme of the Commission. It seems that no firm date of meeting has yet been fixed by the said Institute.

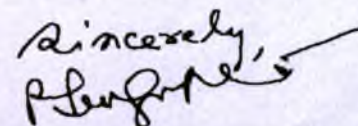
I am further directed to draw your notice that your aforesaid d.o. letter dated September 8, 2004 is silent about the Commission's proposed visit to Omsk, Paddosk and Irkhutsk which were included in the programme sent to you. You have further stated in your d.o. letter that our Mission in Moscow is still awaiting confirmation from the Russian Foreign Office regarding the request of the Commission for access to the archives in Russia. Confirmation of the proposed visit to Moscow only for the meeting of the Russian Institute of Oriental Studies will result in splitting up of the programme of visit sent to you.

Your d.o. letter dt. September 3, 2004 received today further shows that confirmation regarding meeting with scholars in St. Petersburg is also awaited from our Mission there.

In the backdrop of the facts and circumstances explained above, it is, I am directed to say, hardly possible for the Commission to re-confirm its earlier programme of visiting Moscow from 21.9.04. The Commission has, therefore, now no alternative but to revise the programme after receiving further information regarding the proposed visit to Omsk, Paddosk and Irkhutsk and access to the archives in Russia.

The Commission will shortly communicate to you its decision regarding revised programme for visit to Moscow and other places in Russia.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Mr. L.D.Ralte,
Director (CNV),
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September 13, 2004

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New Delhi-110001 - for information. In this connection, the discussions the undersigned had with him in his chamber on 9.9.04 may kindly be recalled..

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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To: Shri L.D. Ralte Director (CNV) Foreign New Delhi	From: Virander Paul First Secretary (Pol) Indembassy Moscow
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4. Most grateful if you could kindly let us know the plans of JMCI team as early as possible.

H.K. Singh

Virander Paul

(Virander Paul)
First Secretary (Pol)
September 6, 2004

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FROM
L.D.RALTE, DIRECTOR (CNV)****REFERENCE MY FAX MESSAGES DATED 23 JULY
2004 AND 03 SEPTEMBER 2004 ~~AND~~ REGARDING
PROPOSED VISIT OF JMCI TEAM TO RUSSIA.**

2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING WITH A GROUP OF SCHOLARS IN IOS, MOSCOW ON 22.9.04 AND OTHER DETAILS CONTAINED IN FS(POL)'S FAX MSGS NO. MOS/POL/125/1/90-III DATED 26.8.2004 AND 6.9.2004 WERE CONVEYED TO JMCI.

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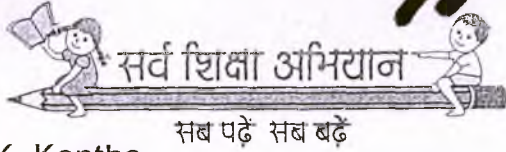
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No.25/4/NGO-XI

September 4, 2004

I write with reference to your letters dated July 8, 2004 and August 11, 2004 regarding your conversations with Mrs. Anita Pfaff, daughter of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. We do appreciate the wishes of Mrs. Pfaff that the matter of her father's death/disappearance be brought to a closure as soon as possible. However, as you are aware, this issue is contentious in nature and has been the subject matter of enquiry by three separate Commissions, the latest being the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry (JMCI) which was set up by the Government of India in December 1999. The JMCI has been tasked to enquire into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith – including whether Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is dead or alive; if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash in Taipei, as alleged; and whether the ashes in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo are indeed his mortal remains.

3. The issue of the return of the mortal remains lying in the Renkoji Temple to India is thus linked to the outcome of the enquiry being conducted by the JMCI. Earlier this year, Rev. Mochizuki, Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple, informed our Ambassador in Tokyo that even though he had some reservations from the spiritual angle, he would not object to a DNA test being conducted on the mortal remains in his custody. If the DNA test confirms the remains to be those of Netaji, he would be willing to hand over the casket containing the ashes but would like to keep a portion of the ashes in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. This offer was communicated to the JMCI, which has decided to conduct the DNA test of the mortal remains. We do not know at present how soon the DNA test would be undertaken, though EAM has recently assured Justice Mukherjee of our full cooperation in the matter.

4. I am sharing the above for your information only. At this stage, we can only advise Mrs. Anita Pfaff that the JMCI is seized with the matter and that the Government is awaiting the findings of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

(Ashok K. Kantha)

Shri T.C.A. Rangachari,
Ambassador of India,
Berlin.

Dir (CNV)
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1. Fully appreciate with 7 daughters for chance
2. If asked at Keshoji are to be accepted as "believed", this would perhaps be the best option.
3. However, since there is no longer 'pride' as Nitaji Dubas is a public figure of national importance. Therefore, accepting Keshoji order may become controversial.
4. Don't bring if the order could be either help set things at rest, or could continue the uncertainty.
5. Sometimes, it is better to let sleeping dogs lie.

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8th July 2004

My dear Joint Secretary,

Ms. Anita Pfaff, daughter of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, has informed me that she will be traveling to Japan on the occasion of her father's death anniversary in mid-August and wanted to know whether any decision had been taken in regard to the return of her father's ashes from the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo to India. She enquired also whether the Commission that had been appointed by the previous Government had completed its work and whether the new Government would be willing to bring this historic chapter to closure.

2. I would be grateful if you could let me know Government's thinking in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(T.C.A. Rangachari)

Shri Ashok K. Kantha,
Joint Secretary (EA)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Copy to: Shri M.L. Tripathi, Ambassador of India, E/I, Tokyo. Ms. Anita Pfaff said that she would like to call o you when she is in Tokyo. This is likely to be on or around 18th August 2004.

(T.C.A. Rangachari)

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No.Berl/Pol/101/3/04

11th August 2004

My dear Joint Secretary,

Smo 11/8
This is in continuation of my letter of even number dated 8th July 2004.

2. Mrs. Anita Pfaff, daughter of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, called to say that she was unable to make the trip to Japan due to some organizational problems. She then asked me about GoI's thinking on bringing closure to the Netaji matter. Her family, and she herself, did not believe that Netaji was still alive. Such leads, as had become available during the last ten years or so, had brought forth no new evidence that he was alive. She recalled her meeting with the then EAM, Shri Pranab Mukherjee (now RM), in 1995 during his visit to Germany, and felt he shared this view. She was aware of the position of the Forward Bloc and some others; also that GoI had set up another Commission to review the evidence. She wondered whether the Commission had any worthwhile new information and when it would complete its work. She said that next year, the 60th anniversary of the end of War, might be a good occasion to bring this chapter to a close. Associates of Netaji were disappearing fast; those who still remain are very old. It is their wish, too, that this matter be laid to rest. One way of doing so could be by bringing back the ashes from the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo to India with appropriate solemnity and honours.

3. I would be grateful if you could let me know what response Government would wish to give to Mrs. Anita Pfaff.

Yours sincerely,

T.C.A. Rangachari
(T.C.A. Rangachari)

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Grateful for your advice.

Dir (Gen)

Ans 25/8



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Most Immediate

To	Consul-General, CGI Shanghai		
Rpt.	Director(CNV), MEA, New Delhi		
From	Debnath Shaw, Deputy Chief of Mission		
		Date: September 6, 200	No. of pages: 2 (for CGI, Shanghai)

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D. Shaw
(Debnath Shaw)
6 September 2004

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From : Embassy of India, Moscow
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Rpt: CGI St. Petersburg

Shri L.D. Ralte, Director (CNV) from FS (Pol)

Kindly refer to earlier correspondence on the proposed visit of a Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) team to Russia.

The Russian Institute of Oriental Studies (Moscow) has today formally confirmed that they can organise a meeting of the JMCI team with a group of scholars on September 22, 2004. However, as regards the request for access for the JMCI team to the various Archives in Russia, the Russian Foreign Office has yet not responded. CGI St. Petersburg is also yet to confirm if they could firm up a meeting for the visiting team with any suitable scholars.

The above is by way of the present status on the proposed visit.

With kind regards,



(Virander Paul)

First Secretary (Political)

August 26, 2004

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2. The Mission has been closely following up the responses of the various concerned in this regard, with a view to schedule the JMCI visit in the second half of September 2004. The Russian MFA is yet to confirm access to Archives in Moscow and other Russian cities. According to the Russian MFA's telephonic reply of August 20, 2004, they are still working on the request. As regards a meeting with scholars at the Institute of Oriental Studies, they have yet not formally confirmed the possibility to hold the proposed meeting of September 22 or any other closer date. The Institute of Oriental Studies has been currently busy in organising an international conference. We are following up the matter.

3. As regards visit of the JMCI team to St. Petersburg, our Consulate in St. Petersburg had conveyed that one meeting with a scholar could possibly be arranged. However, the scholar could not be contacted for his confirmed availability for the meeting, in view of the holiday period. This message is being endorsed to CGI, St. Petersburg with a request that possibility for that meeting may kindly be explored and confirmed.

4. In view of the above, it is still considered early to fix concrete dates and programme of the proposed visit. We would keep the Ministry updated on a priority basis.

With kind regards,


(Virander Paul)
First Secretary (Pol)
August 23, 2004



Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
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D.O.No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/186

August 30, 2004

Dear *Sri Ralle,*

Please refer to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol-XII dated 12th August, 2004 regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Moscow and some other places in the Russian Federation. No further communication in this regard has been received from you and, as a result, the Commission has not yet been able to finalise its programme. The Ministry of Home Affairs are repeatedly asking for a final programme of visit to Russia.

I am directed to request you to kindly expedite the matter so that the visit may be completed before the dreaded winter sets in.

As directed , I am to say that the Commission wants to complete the visit before September 30, 2004 or at best by the first week of October, 2004 to avoid the bitter winter of Russia.

The Commission needs time to make preparations for the proposed visit including sending intimation well in advance to all the deponents, some of whom may like to be present at the sitting/meeting of the Commission in Moscow and other places in Russian Federation. Finalisation of the programme of the Commission's visit to Taiwan and some other places also depends on the time of the proposed visit to Russia.

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Considering the **extreme urgency of the matter**, an early reply will be highly appreciated.

With regards,

Yours

sincerely
P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
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August 30, 2004

Copy forwarded to

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(P.K. Sengupta)
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September 3, 2004

Dear *Deb,*

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, has requested for obtaining some specified documents/ records from the **Chinese Historical Archives** in **Nanjing**, China.

2. An affidavit has been filed with the JMCI by one Shri Priyadarshi Mukherjee, Associate Professor of Chinese, Centre for Chinese and South-East Asian Studies, JNU, New Delhi wherein he has referred to an article written by a Chinese in the book titled "**Forgotten Images**" edited by Dr. T.R.Sareen, that allegedly states that '**Netaji had been to Nanjing**'. The deponent has also referred to the Chinese Historical Archives in Nanjing for accessing materials on Netaji.

3. We would request you to look into the matter and make all possible efforts to obtain a copy of the said article from available sources and also seek assistance of the Chinese authorities for access to the documents/records referred to by the deponent in the Chinese Historical Archives [**Address:309, San-Yat-Sen Road(East), Nanjing**].

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(L.D.Ralte)

Shri Debnath Shaw,
Deputy Chief of Mission,
Beijing

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Kindly refer to your fax of July 23 regarding proposed visit of a JMCI team to Russia from September 21, 2004.

2. Vide our message of August 26 we had conveyed the readiness of the Russian Institute of Oriental Studies to receive the JMCI group for discussions with a select group of Russian scholars on September 22, 2004. Our earlier fax messages informing you about the local position also refer. We have today also received a confirmation from our Consul General in St. Petersburg that Prof. Y.V. Vassilkov of the Institute of Oriental Studies (St. Petersburg) would be available for a discussion with the visiting JMCI team on September 23-24, 2004.

3. As regards access for the JMCI team to the various Archives in Russia, the Russian Foreign Ministry has still not responded. As informed earlier, the Mission has been closely pursuing this matter. A formal reminder to the Russian MFA has been sent today through a Note Verbale.

4. The Ministry may wish to convey the above position to JMCI and ascertain their views particularly on the dates of the visit. For the interactions that have already been fixed, the Institutes, both in Moscow and St. Petersburg, would need a reconfirmation from us if the JMCI team is visiting Russia on the proposed dates i.e. September 21 onwards to timely plan the meetings further.

With kind regards,

(Signature)
(Virander Paul)
First Secretary (Pol)
September 3, 2004

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2. As per the latest update received from our Mission in Moscow, the Russian Institute of Oriental Studies has formally confirmed that they can organise a meeting of the JMCI team with a group of scholars on September 22, 2004. However, response is still awaited from the Russian Foreign Office with regard to the request for access for the JMCI team to the various Archives in Russia. Confirmation is also awaited from our Mission in St. Petersburg regarding meetings with scholars there. We have requested our Mission in Moscow to expedite the matter so that the itinerary of JMCI's visit to can be finalised early.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)
(L.D.Ralte)

✓ Shri P.K.Sengupta
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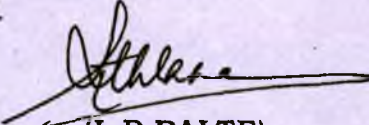
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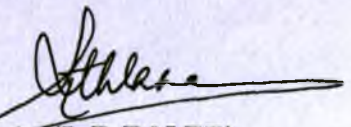
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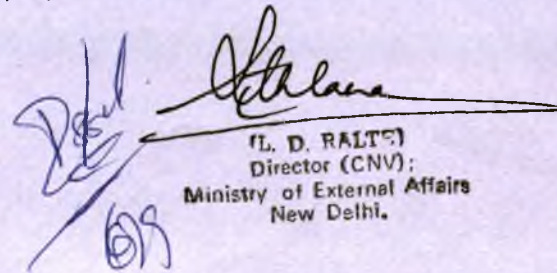
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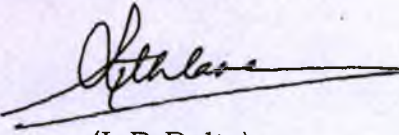
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D.O. No. JMCI/F.O./2002-2003/83(III)/186

August 30, 2004

Dear *Sen. Ralle*,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol-XII dated 12th August, 2004 regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Moscow and some other places in the Russian Federation. No further communication in this regard has been received from you and, as a result, the Commission has not yet been able to finalise its programme. The Ministry of Home Affairs are repeatedly asking for a final programme of visit to Russia.

I am directed to request you to kindly expedite the matter so that the visit may be completed before the dreaded winter sets in.

As directed, I am to say that the Commission wants to complete the visit before September 30, 2004 or at best by the first week of October, 2004 to avoid the bitter winter of Russia.

The Commission needs time to make preparations for the proposed visit including sending intimation well in advance to all the deponents, some of whom may like to be present at the sitting/meeting of the Commission in Moscow and other places in Russian Federation. Finalisation of the programme of the Commission's visit to Taiwan and some other places also depends on the time of the proposed visit to Russia.

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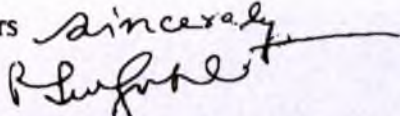
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Considering the extreme urgency of the matter, an early reply will be highly appreciated.

With regards,

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(P.K. Sengupta)
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Mr. L.D.Ralte,
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New Delhi 110 001.

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MOST IMMEDIATE**FAX**

From : Embassy of India, Moscow
To : MEA New Delhi

Rpt: CGI St. Petersburg

Shri L.D. Ralte, Director (CNV) from FS (Pol)

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The above is by way of the present status on the proposed visit.

With kind regards,



(Virander Paul)
First Secretary (Political)
August 26, 2004

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*One meeting.
Wait for 1st Sept before we communicate.*

S.O. (WAO)

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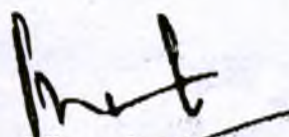
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3. As regards visit of the JMCI team to St. Petersburg, our Consulate in St. Petersburg had conveyed that one meeting with a scholar could possibly be arranged. However, the scholar could not be contacted for his confirmed availability for the meeting, in view of the holiday period. This message is being endorsed to CGI, St. Petersburg with a request that possibility for that meeting may kindly be explored and confirmed.

4. In view of the above, it is still considered early to fix concrete dates and programme of the proposed visit. We would keep the Ministry updated on a priority basis.

With kind regards,


(Virander Paul)
First Secretary (Pol)
August 23, 2004

By Registered Post with A/D.

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(IV) Kolkata, dated, 24th August '04.
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Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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No.I/12014/2/2004-NCB-II
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Subject: Proposed visit of the Commission to Russia – Reg.

Sir,

With reference to your D.O. letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-03/83 (iii)/136, dated 11th August, 2004, I am directed to invite your attention to Ministry of External Affairs D.O No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII, dated 12.8.04 addressed to you and copy endorsed to this Ministry intimating that the itinerary of JMCI's visit to Russia including dates of the visit should be finalized only after receipt of further inputs from our Indian Mission in Moscow.

2. Keeping in view of the above, it is requested that a final programme for the proposed visit to Russia may be prepared in consultation with Ministry of External Affairs and sent to this Ministry along with the details of funds available as on date and proforma for deputation abroad duly filled in, to enable us to process further in the matter.

3. In this connection telephonic discussion dated 16.8.04 between Shri Mondal, Section Officer, JMCI and Shri Zuha, Desk Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs is also referred.

Yours faithfully,

(Umesh Kalra)
Director (Security)
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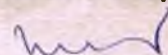
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Dear Sir,

In continuation of the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(IV)/150(74) dated August 19, 2004 I am directed to inform you that the Commission is likely to examine Dr. L.M. Singhvi as well, at Committee Room 'C' in the Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi on 09.09.2004.

Yours faithfully,



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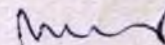
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NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII

August 18, 2004

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With regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
(L.D.Ralte)

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STATUS REPORT ON THE JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY - ACTION TAKEN BY MEA
(AS ON 17.8.2004)

<u>Sl.No.</u> <u>(from</u> <u>JMCI's</u> <u>status</u> <u>Report)</u>	<u>Commission's views regarding status</u>	<u>Action taken in MEA</u>	<u>Present status</u>
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(ii)	DNA testing of alleged ashes of Netaji kept in Renkoji Temple, Japan.	Chairman, JMCI informed EAM during the course of their meeting on 25.6.04, that the Commission wished to go ahead with the DNA testing. It was a sensitive issue and all concerned would be consulted. He also said that it was now possible to do the DNA testing in India. The Commission had also identified a Japanese expert who was willing to support the Commission and that they were presently in correspondence with each other.	
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(iv)	JMCI had sought assistance in locating suitable Indian Scholars/ students of Post Graduate level for the purpose of archival research relevant to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at various American repositories of historical documents.	Our Mission in Washington has been requested to depute an Officer to look at the documents (said to have been offered by the American side).	C'dA in Washington requested to do the needful. Information awaited.
5.	JMCI had requested for assistance in obtaining a copy of a ' Diary ' that is said to have belonged to Lord Mountbatten- the last Viceroy of India.	A copy of the book was obtained with the assistance of the Indian High Commission in Australia. The book titled: "Personal Diaries of Admiral Louis Mountbatten.... Supreme Allied Commander South East Asia 1943-1946", was forwarded to	Action completed.

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		Secretary, JMCI on July 26, 2004.	
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<u>9.</u>	Copies of documents	Copies of requisite documents including the Proclamation and the Instrument of Surrender, which were obtained by our Mission in Washington from the MacArthur Memorial, City of Norfolk, were forwarded to JMCI on April 28, 2004.	Action completed.
<u>10.</u>	Sealed reports of DNA tests of 'Gumnami Baba'- MHA matter	Not applicable to MEA.	Not applicable to MEA.
<u>11. & 12.</u>	Documents sought from MHA- MHA matter	Not applicable to MEA.	Not applicable to MEA.
<u>13.</u>	JMCI has sent a list of witnesses in Russia whom it would like to examine and requested MEA to ascertain their availability	A JMCI team is expected to visit Russia shortly to examine the witnesses. E/I, Moscow has been asked to do the needful in this regard.	JMCI has been kept informed of action taken by the Mission as well as updated on arrangements made so far for the proposed visit.
<u>14.</u>	Retention order of sanctioned posts of Commission - MHA matter	Not applicable to MEA.	Not applicable to MEA.



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Director (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII

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NEW DELHI

August 18, 2004

Dear Sir,

Please refer to my predecessor's letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X, dated January 15, 2004, regarding an Official paper-bearing No.5190 (an extract from a Note of Discussion between Lord Wavell, then Secretary of State and R. Arthur Henderson held on 27 August 1945), a copy of which was obtained by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) during its last visit to London.

2. The JMCI had sought to know the result of the inquiry initiated by the Viceroy, as mentioned in the document no. 5190. We have been reminded again about this matter.

4. We would grateful for Mission's inputs with regard to JMCI's query, to enable us to update the Commission accordingly.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(L.D.Ralte)

Shri Satyabrata Pal,
Deputy High Commissioner,
High Commission of India,
London

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Monatons' "Diary" has been obtained and handed over to the J.M.C.I. shop

W/C J.P. 18/8

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Call on EAM by Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee (Retired Judge of Supreme Court of India), Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry at 1630 hrs on 25 June 2004.

EAM welcomed Justice Mukherjee and recalled that he had deposed for the Commission a few years back. He assured Justice Mukherjee that the Commission would receive his personal and MEA's full support in their endeavours including with regard to the DNA testing of the mortal remains of Netaji believed to be kept at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

2. Justice Mukherjee thanked EAM for his time. He expressed his gratitude at the support given by MEA both in India and at the Indian Missions abroad. He said that presently there were two important issues that were being dealt with by the Commission. One was examination of some Russians who had written articles on Netaji who was in contact with Dr. (Mrs) Purabi Roy and some others. He handed over the list of these Russians and requested that MEA facilitate examination of these witnesses. One Professor Rybakov from the Institute of Oriental Studies had conveyed his willingness to organize a meeting of Russian scholars engaged in the study of Netaji with the Commission. If possible, he wanted to visit Moscow within the month of July. If this was not possible, he would be able to go after 23 August, 2004.

3. The other was the issue of the alleged "mortal remains" of Netaji which were at the Renkoji Temple in Japan. He said that the DNA laboratories at Kolkata and Hyderabad had now acquired capacity to do the necessary tests. The Commission had obtained DNA samples of two family members on either side of the lineage which could be used for comparison. The Commission had also identified a Japanese expert who was willing to support the Commission and they were presently in correspondence. The photos taken by representative from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo of the mortal remains showed that there was a large portion of the jaw bone and some teeth. This would allow morphological testing which would indicate whether or not the remains were that of a male or a female and also as to the age of the remains.

4. EAM said that our Embassy in Moscow would be instructed immediately to study the possibility of organizing the meeting of the scholars on Netaji at the time indicated by the Hon'ble Chairman. With regard to DNA testing, he said that the Commission was welcome to do the testing anywhere depending on their convenience. MEA would continue to give its full support.

5. Justice Mukherjee said that there was one other matter regarding the alleged mortal remains at Renkoji Temple. 18 August is celebrated as an annual function to commemorate Netaji, and several prominent people including the relatives of Netaji were planning to attend the function this year. However, in view of the delicate nature of the issue, he would request that there be no representative from the Indian Mission in Tokyo at the function.

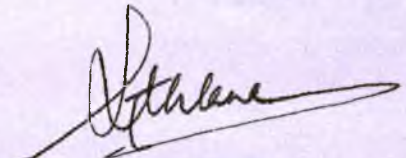
EAM said that the Mission would be directed not to involve itself in anyway with the function.

6. Justice Mukherjee added that the Americans have offered to show to the Commission some documents. He requested EAM to depute someone from our Mission in Washington to look at these documents being offered by the Americans. As he did not have the details in Delhi, he would ask the Member Secretary of the Commission to forward the same.

7. EAM said that the last two items would not be difficult and he would have messages sent immediately to our Missions. He added that a very graphic account of Netaji's death had been published by some writers but at the same time some others have also shown him to be appearing at Nehru's death. He also recalled that Netaji was the one who coined the phrase "Father of the Nation".

8. The meeting ended with pleasantries.

9. While Justice Mukherjee came alone, EAM was ^{assisted} supported by S/Shri Ashok Kantha, Joint Secretary (EA), L.D. Ralte, Director (CNV) and R. Venu, Director (EAMO).


(L.D. Ralte)
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New Delhi, 28 June 2004

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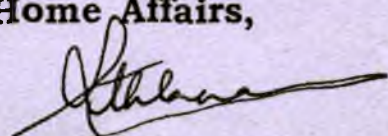
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NO. JMCI/STAT.REPT./99-2000/33A (ii)/97(4)

July 05, 2004

From : **Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)**
Officer on Special Duty

To : 1. The Secretary,
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2. The Secretary,
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3. The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.

4. The Director,
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

Subject : Status Report from 01.06. 2004 to 30.06.2004.

Ref : Your Office letter No.I/12014/I/2000-IS(D.III) dated 07.02.2000.

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I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end (in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to your Ministry / Department / Office).

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above

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STATUS REPORT
(From 01.06.2004 to 30.06.2004)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.05.2004 to 31.05.2004 forwarded earlier by the Commission to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their ends (in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to them).
2. The hearing of the Commission was held on 23.06.2004 at 11.00 a.m. at the Seminar Hall in the Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007. Of the five witnesses summoned, four witnesses were present and examined / further examined during the hearing.
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4. (a) The Hon'ble Chairman met the Hon'ble Home Minister on 25.06.2004 in the forenoon in New Delhi and drew his attention to some long pending important matters relating to his Ministry.

(b) The Hon'ble Chairman also met on 25.06.2004 in the afternoon the Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs and drew his attention to some long pending important matters relating to his Ministry.

(c) Apropos the discussion the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission had with the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, on 25.06.2004, the Secretary of the Commission has written a d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/93 dated June 28, 2004 to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, wherein the Ministry of External Affairs has been requested to kindly take necessary action to resolve the following pending issues to enable the Commission to complete its inquiry without any avoidable delay :-

(i) Visit of the Commission to Russia for examination of the relevant witnesses in the Russian Federation : The names and addresses of five Russian witnesses which are available to the Commission have been indicated in the said letter dated 28.06.2004. It is also stated therein that the archives of the F.S.B., previously known as K.G.B. and other official archives in Moscow, Poddolsk, Omsk and Irkutsk are likely to contain relevant documents, according to some of the deponents before the Commission as also the documents in the possession to the Commission.

(ii) The DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji Temple, Japan : The attention of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been drawn to his d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-XI dated 31.05.2004 and the Secretary's d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/86 dated 17.06.2004 and the said Director has been requested to inform the Commission whether the Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple has been formally requested to make available the said alleged ashes to the experts who may be appointed by the

*Programme being
finalised with
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*DNA tests should
be done in India
itself (Kolkata &
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decided in the
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on 25/3/04 (SI. No. 116)*

Commission for the required scientific tests of the same and if so, whether any reply has been received to such request.

- (iii) Commission's proposed visit to Taiwan : The attention of the Director (CNV) has been drawn to the Secretary's d.o. letter No. JMCI/Taiwan/2003-2004/89/83 dated 15.06.2004 and he has been requested to kindly communicate the information sought for therein to enable the Commission to furnish the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with the probable expenses of the Commission in Taiwan. A copy of the d.o. letter has been endorsed to the Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

*Hotel tariffs
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- (iv) The attention of the Director (CNV) has also been drawn to Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-2003/70(II)/188 dated 05.08.2003 addressed to the Joint Secretary, (CNV), wherein the latter was requested to send particulars of some suitable willing Indian scholars/students of Post Graduate class available in the USA indicating/suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the job of archival research at various American repositories of relevant historical documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, free of remuneration for academic interest or for the love and respect for Netaji.

*Action being
taken vide
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- 5/ In Commission's d.o. letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/518 dated March 25, 2004 addressed to Shri Rakesh, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, he has been requested to kindly make available to the Commission as early as possible a copy of the diary of Lord Mountbatten, if necessary by collecting the same through the Indian High Commission in London, as the said diary is urgently required to be perused by the Commission in view of the facts and circumstances stated in the said d.o. letter. The diary called for is yet to be received.

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6. No reply has yet been received from Prof. Saitou, Department of Genetics, National Institute of Genetics, University of Tokyo, Japan to Commission's d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/46 dated March 26, 2004 as mentioned in para 5 of the Status Report for May, 2004.
7. Further to the position stated in para 6 of the Status Report for May, 2004 it is pointed out that File No. I/12014/27/93-IS (D.III) – 2 files have been received by the Commission through an authorized special messenger.
8. The report of the Indian Consulate of St. Petersburg [as intended to be sent later to the Commission in para 4 of the d.o. letter No.24/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II) dated June 11, 2003 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission] is yet to be received by the Commission in spite of several reminders to the said Ministry.
9. Copies of the (1) Proclamation and (2) Instrument of surrender as called for by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/288 dated 16.10.2003 addressed to the Joint Secretary, (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, as mentioned in para 11 of the Status Report for May, 2004 have been received and are being examined.
10. The sealed reports of DNA tests of the teeth found in the alleged belongings of 'Gumnami Baba', Faizabad received by the Commission from the Central DNA Fingerprinting and Diagonistics, Hyderabad and from The Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata, as also the sealed reports of the three handwriting experts were opened by the Hon'ble Chairman during the hearing of the Commission on June 23, 2004.

11. There has been no further development in the matters stated in paras 14, 16, and 17 of the Status Report for May, 2004.
12. Further to the position stated in para 18 of the Status Report for March, 2004 read with para 19 of the Status Report for April, 2004, it is pointed out that copies of some documents referred to in the aforesaid paras received by the Commission from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India on 16.04.2004, have been examined and kept on record.
13. With reference to the position stated in para 9 of the Status Report as on 13.04.2004, it is pointed out that the reply received by the Commission from the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, on April 12, 2004 given in her d.o. letter dated March 29, 2004 states inter alia, that out of the witnesses listed by the Commission, Prof. Y.V. Pechenko and Academician Bondarovsky have already expired; that Dr. Rybakov has sent a copy of his earlier letter to the Indian Mission on being requested by the latter to convey his willingness and convenience for appearing as a witness before the Commission; that Mr. V.N. Plastun, Mr. A.A. Kolesnikov, and Mr. P.M. Morosov are yet to be located by the Indian Mission and that reminders have again been sent by the latter to Mr. A.A. Kirichenko, Mr. U.L. Kuznets, Prof. A.P. Gnachuk-Danielchuk, Dr. A.A. Kutsenkov and Prof. E.N. Komorov. Subsequent development in the matter is still awaited.
14. With reference to the position stated in para 20 of the Status Report for May, 2004 it is pointed out that the retention order of the sanctioned posts of the Commission has since been received.



(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary



L.D.Ralte
Director (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII

Dear

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

August 12, 2004

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Yours sincerely,

(L.D.Ralte)

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[Fax : 033-2252-2765]

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REGARDING PROPOSED VISIT OF A JMCI TEAM TO RUSSIA.

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CURRENT STATUS AND CONFIRM TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MADE
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Regards,

[Signature]
(L.D.RALTE)
DIRECTOR (CNV)

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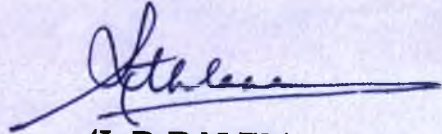
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No. JMCI/ Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/121.

Kolkata, dated, 2nd August'04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri L.D. Ralte,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your D.O. Letter No. D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol XI dated 29.06.2004 in reference to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Doc/(For)/99-2000/56(V)/518 dated 25.03.2004 forwarded to you by MHA, requesting for obtaining a copy of a 'Diary' that is said to have belonged to Lord Mountbatten - the last Viceroy of India. As the matter has reportedly been taken up with your high Commission in London from your kind end in April 2004, I am directed to request you to kindly arrange to take necessary action so that the document called for is received by the Commission immediately.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/121(1). Dated 2nd August'04.

Copy to :
Shri M.S.Zuha, Desk Officer, NCB-II Section, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001. This has reference to your MHA, U.O. No. I/12014/1/2004-NCB-11 dated 29.6.04 forwarding the Commission's above cited letter dated 25.03.04.

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D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/136

August 11, 2004

Dear

I am directed to invite your notice to the d.o.letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(iii)/112 dated 21.7.04 addressed to Sri L.D.Ralte, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Russia a copy of which was endorsed to you. I am also directed to invite your attention to the subsequent d.o. letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(iii) /124 dated 4.8.04 on the same subject.

The programme of the Commission for its proposed visit to Russia was given in the above-quoted d.o. letter dated 21.7.04. I am directed to inform you that the Commission may start for Russia on 20.9.04 or 21.9.04 depending on the flight schedule of the Air India. From the information received from the Air India in response to the request of the Commission, it appears that there may be flight to Moscow on 20.9.04.

I am , therefore, directed to request you to kindly move the Govt. for according sanction for air travel to Moscow and back to Kolkata as also for air travels from Moscow to other places of visit as mentioned in the above-quoted d.o. letter dt. 21.7.04.

Sanction for air travel may be accorded as follows :-

1. For the Hon'ble Chairman – First class
2. For the Secretary – Business/Executive Class (In this connection, the office order no. I/12014/6/2001 IS (D III) dated 13.9.02 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, may please be referred to. In this order Secretary of the Commission has been allowed to travel by executive / business class as a special case).

I am further directed to request you to kindly communicate necessary sanction of daily cash allowance at the prescribed rate for the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary for the days of their visit abroad.

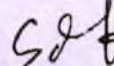
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It is also further requested that necessary sanction for incurring expenditure during the proposed visit of the Commission to Russia by the Indian Missions there for accommodation, transport, fees of interpreter etc. may also be accorded and communicated to the Indian Missions.

With

Yours sincerely,



(P.K Sengupta)
Secretary

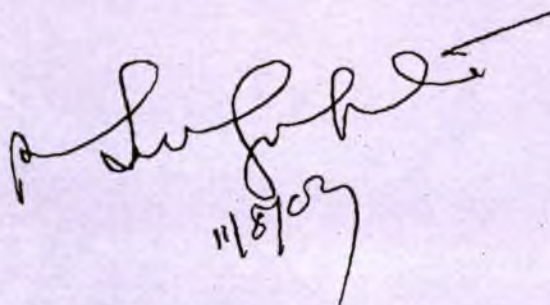
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D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/124

August 04, 2004

Dear

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"A" No reply to the above d.o. letter has yet been received from the Ministry of External Affairs. If the proposed visit materialises, very short time will be available for making all necessary preparations. I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly take necessary steps in advance for approval of the government to the proposed tour, sanction of expenditure for the tour and sanction of fund for purchase of Air Tickets for journey from Kolkata to Moscow and back. Necessary sanction for incurring expenditure during the proposed visit of the Commission to Russia by the Indian Mission there for accommodation, transport including air transport, fees of interpreters, etc., may also be accorded as was done on the occasions of the visit of the Commission to London and Japan.

With

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enc: As above
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(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

"A" is not fair. We have given him proposed itinerary and have kept him informed of all inputs received from Moscow.

Sd/- (Signature)

Discussed. For issue

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Reference your fax of July 23, 2004 regarding a proposal of a visit of a JMCI team led by Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee to Russia from September 21, 2004.

2. The Mission is actively following up JMCI's proposals contained in your above fax with the Russian Foreign Office, as also our Consulate in St. Petersburg.

3. So far we do not have a firm confirmation on any of the proposed engagements. As regards the meeting at the Institute of Oriental Studies in Moscow, we have formally approached Director, R.B. Rybakov to let us know if the proposed meeting could be organised on September 22, 2004. His reply is awaited.

4. As requested earlier, it is the Mission's advice that the itinerary, including dates of the visit, of the JMCI visit to Russia should be finalised only after receipt of consolidated inputs from the Mission.

5. We are following up the matter as priority, and we would keep you fully updated.

With kind regards,


(Virander Paul)
First Secretary (Pol)
July 28, 2004



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Mos/pol(125/1190-II) **FAX**

From : Embassy of India, Moscow
To : Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

Shri L.D. Ralte, Director (CNV) from FS(Pol)

Please refer to your fax of July 23, 2004 proposing the visit of a JMCI team led by Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee to Russia from September 21, 2004. The local position is as follow:

- i) The only engagement for the JMCI team that has been confirmed, in principle, so far is a meeting at the Institute of Oriental Studies (IOS) in Moscow after September 20. Precise dates would now need to be fixed, to enable the IOS prepare for a meaningful interaction. Proposal of the visiting side to arrive in Moscow on September 21 and to have a meeting possibly on September 22 is being conveyed to the IOS, for their consideration. We would thereafter confirm the date for the meeting at the IOS.
- ii) The proposal for the JMCI team to have access to the Archives at Podolsk, Omsk and Irkutsk is still pending with the Russian side. The Russian Government is processing it. We have requested them to accord priority to the matter. As of now, there is no confirmation of the JMCI getting access to Archives at these places.
- iii) As regards the proposed visit to St. Petersburg, we are ascertaining the position from our Consulate in St. Petersburg.

2. In the above background, you may like to wait for the Mission's detailed response on all aspects, before deciding the final itinerary of the JMCI visit. While we are following up the matter as a high priority, the current holiday period in Russia might cause some delay in obtaining confirmed views of the Russian side.

kind regards,

(Virander Paul)
First Secretary (Political)
July 26, 2004

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D.O.No.JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(iii)/120

July 30, 2004

Dear *Mr. Ralte*,

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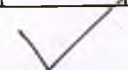
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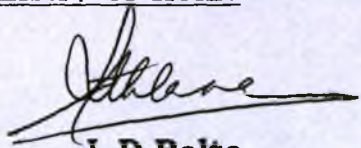
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Check-in time is 3:00 PM

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TRANSPORTATION

Airport greeting and Mercedes Benz Limousine, \$1850 per trip
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Scheduled complimentary shuttle bus service to the Taipei World Trade Center
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ACCOMMODATION

210 elegantly decorated fully equipped rooms & suites

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In-room safe

Mini-bar

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Personalized stationery and name cards

Daily newspaper

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Single/ Double 客房	Superior	精緻客房	NT\$ 8,600
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	Executive	行政客房	NT\$ 12,000
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Suite 套房	Junior	豪華套房	NT\$ 14,800
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 デラックスルーム NT\$ 6,800

行政客房 Executive Room
 エグゼクティブルーム NT\$ 7,500

雅緻套房 Junior Suite
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商務套房 Business Suite
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行政套房 Executive Suite
 エグゼクティブ スーイト NT\$ 12,000

尊泰套房 Gloria Prince Suite
 グロリアプリンス スーイト NT\$ 18,000

加床 Extrabed
 エキストラベット NT\$ 700

登記住宿 Check-in チェックインタイム 15:00

退房時間 Check-out チェックアウトタイム 12:00

以上房價外加10% 服務費

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PACIFIC BUSINESS CENTER

太平洋商務中心
台北會所

日期 Date : 26th Jul. 2004 頁數 No. of Page : 1
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公司 Company :
發件者 From : Tina Lin 傳真電話 Fax No. : 886-2 8780 5000

內容 Contain :

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Please feel free to contact us for any query.

Thanks and best regards,

Tina Lin / Front office

Pacific Business Center-Taipei.

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Shri L.D. Ralte from Vijay Gokhale

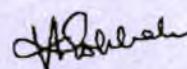
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Warm regards


(V.K. Gokhale)
Director General

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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII

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Enclosed is the book you have requested.

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fully letter to
Sh. J. Ralte, by mail.
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Regards,

Shri L.D. Ralte
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

(S. J. Ralte)

Yours sincerely,

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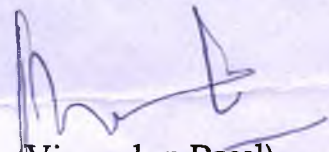
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Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to your messages regarding the proposed visit of Justice M.K. Mukherjee of JMCI. We had informed you about the action taken at our end. In response to our letter to Professor Rybakov, Director of the Institute of the Oriental Studies, we today received a phonecall that it would not be possible to hold the proposed meeting for Justice Mukherjee with Russian scholars in July and August 2004. This is summer vacation period in Russia. Besides, the Institute is presently busy preparing an international academic conference scheduled to take place in August. The Institute has suggested that Justice Mukherjee might like to consider visiting Moscow after September 20, 2004 or in October 2004. Such a timeframe would help the Institute organise the proposed meeting in a proper manner.

Most grateful for keeping the Mission informed of Justice Mukherjee's convenience. The Institute would prefer sufficient advance notice on the precise dates of the visit, for them to timely initiate the process of inviting participants for the proposed meeting.

With kind regards


(Virander Paul)
First Secretary (Pol)
July 14, 2004

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From : Embassy of India, Moscow

To : Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

Shri L.D. Ralte, Director (CNV) from FS(Pol)

Please refer to your fax of July 23, 2004 proposing the visit of a JMCI team led by Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mulhoojee to Russia from September 21, 2004. The local position is as follow:

- i) The only engagement for the JMCI team that has been confirmed in principle, so far is a meeting at the Institute of Oriental Studies (IOS) in Moscow after September 20. Precise dates would now need to be fixed, to enable the IOS prepare for a meaningful interaction. Proposal of the visiting side to arrive in Moscow on September 21 and to have a meeting possibly on September 22 is being conveyed to the IOS, for their consideration. We would thereafter confirm the date for the meeting at the IOS.
- ii) The proposal for the JMCI team to have access to the Archives at Podolsk, Omsk and Irkutsk is still pending with the Russian side. The Russian Government is processing it. We have requested them to accord priority to the matter. As of now, there is no confirmation of the JMCI getting access to Archives at these places.
- iii) As regards the proposed visit to St. Petersburg, we are ascertaining the position from our Consulate in St. Petersburg.

2. In the above background, you may like to wait for the Mission's detailed response on all aspects, before deciding the final itinerary of the JMCI visit. While we are following up the matter as a high priority, the current inflationary period in Russia might cause some delay in obtaining confirmed views of the Russian side.

(Vigander Paul)

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2. The Mission is actively following up JMCI's proposals contained in your above fax with the Russian Foreign Office, as also our Consulate in St. Petersburg.

3. So far we do not have a firm confirmation on any of the proposed engagements. As regards the meeting at the Institute of Oriental Studies in Moscow, we have formally approached Director, R.B. Rybakov to let us know if the proposed meeting could be organized on September 22, 2004. His reply is awaited.

4. As requested earlier, it is the Mission's advice that the itinerary, including dates of the visit, of the JMCI visit to Russia should be finalised only after receipt of consolidated inputs from the Mission.

5. We are following up the matter as priority, and we would keep you fully updated.

W:ll will sent,

(Signature)

(Virander Paul)
First Secretary (Pol)
July 28, 2004

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- C) STUDY DOCUMENTS, RECORDS ETC. RELATING TO NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE, IF ANY, IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE FSB AND THE ARCHIVES OF THE FOREIGN SECRET SERVICE.

II. ST. PETERSBURG (2 DAYS).

- A) TO EXAMINE WITNESSES, IF AVAILABLE
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IV. PADDOSK (1DAY): SAME AS STATED IN II AND III

V. IRKHUTSK (2 DAYS): SAME AS STATED IN II AND III

3. FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS MAY PLEASE BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT OF THE TEAM:-

- A) HOTEL ACCOMODATION MAY BE BOOKED FOR THE TEAM.
- B) TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENT FOR THE TEAM (BOTH FOR MOVEMENT WITHIN MOSCOW AND FOR VISIT TO OTHER PLACES) MAY BE MADE.
- C) A SENIOR OFFICER OF THE MISSION MAY BE EARMARKED AS LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE COMMISSION.
- D) A STENOGRAPHER MAY BE SPARED FOR RECORDING THE EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES WHO AGREE TO DEPOSE BEFORE THE COMMISSION.
- E) AN INTERPRETER WOULD NEED TO BE DEPUTED WITH THE TEAM DURING THE DURATION OF THE VISIT.
- F) PROVISION OF A TAPE-RECORDER FOR THE HEARINGS OF THE COMMISSION MAY BE MADE.
- G) ARRANGEMENTS FOR VIDEO RECORDING/STILL PHOTOGRAPHY OF IMPORTANT MEETINGS/ INTERACTIONS WOULD NEED TO BE MADE, AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION.
- H) IDENTIFICATION/PROVISION OF A VENUE (HALL/ROOM) FOR FORMAL DEPOSITION OF WITNESSES/ MEETINGS ETC.
- I) GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA AND OTHER CONCERNED STATES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION MAY BE REQUESTED TO FACILITATE THE JMCI TEAM FOR FREE ACCESS TO RECORDS/ DOCUMENTS IN THE ARCHIVES IDENTIFIED EARLIER.

4. AS ALREADY INDICATED, THE PROGRAMME OF THE COMMISSION IS TENTATIVE AND PROVISIONAL. GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD CONFIRM THE TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MADE AT YOUR END BY RETURN FAX SO THAT THE JMCI CAN PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING SANCTION FROM THE MHA.

Warm regards,


(L.D. RALTE)
DIRECTOR (CNV)

NO. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII
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PURPOSE OF PROPOSED VISIT TO RUSSIA

- 1) Examination of witnesses whose names have transpired as material witnesses from the affidavits and depositions of the deponents Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy and some others. The names of the witnesses proposed to be examined are:

- a) E.N.Komorov
Sr. Research Professor
Institute of Oriental Studies
Academy of Sciences
Moscow.
- b) A.Kolesnikov
A former Major of the Warsaw Pact
- c) A.V.Raikov
Professor
Lipetsk State Teachers' Training University
Russia
- d) U.L.Kuznets
Finance Academy
Lenin Gradskii
Schosse House 49
Room No. 392
- e) A.V.Turadzeve
Asst. Editor
Asia and Africa Today
Institute of Oriental Studies
Academy of Sciences
Moscow

2) Documents and Records

The depositions and affidavits of some of the deponents and some documents already in the possession of the Commission tend to show that some records and documents relating to the alleged existence of Netaji in the erstwhile U.S.S.R. after the alleged aircrash are likely to be available in the following archives :-

- a) Former K.G.B. Archives now FSB (Federal Security Bureau Archives)
- b) Archives Omsk
- c) Archives at Paddolsk
- d) Archives at Iskhutsk

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The Commission wants to visit these archives to study the documents and for this the Government of Russian Federation has to be formally requested by the Government of India, to access to the Commission to the records and documents in these archives.

One of the witnesses named above namely Mr. A.V.Raikov has informed the Jawaharlal Nehru Culture Centre, Embassy of India in Russian Federation, that the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, is ready to organise a meeting of the Russian Scholars dealing with the problem regarding Netaji with the Commission. (A copy of the letter along with a copy of the forwarding letter of the J.S.(CNV) , is attached).



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D.O.No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/112

July 21, 2004

Dear

I am directed to refer to your d.o.letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol..XII dt. July 15, 2004 regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Russia and to say that, considering the circumstances as stated in the third paragraph of your d.o. letter referred to above, the Commission proposes to visit Russia in the month of September, 2004 for the purposes mentioned in my d.o. letter no.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/93 dt. June 28, 2004.

Provisional programme of the Commission is to start for Moscow on September 21, 2004 and visit the following places for the purposes mentioned against the respective places :-

1) MOSCOW

- a) Meeting with Russian scholars of the Institute of Oriental Studies.
- b) To meet and examine, if necessary, the witnesses mentioned in my above- quoted d.o. letter dated June 28, 2004.
- c) Study the documents, records etc. relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, if any, in the archives of the FSB, previously known as KGB, and the archives of the Foreign Secret Service.

2) ST. PETERSBURG

- a) To examine witnesses, if available
- b) To examine documents, records etc., if any, relevant to the points of inquiry in the archives at St.Petersburg.

3) OMSK

- a) To examine witnesses, if available;.
- b) To examine records and documents, if any, relevant to the points of inquiry in the State archives at Omsk.

4) PADDOSK: As stated in the case of (2) and (3) above.

5) IRKHUTSK: Same as in the (2) and (3) above

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The duration of the stay of the Commission at the places it intends to visit may be as follows :-

- 1) Moscow 3 days
- 2) Paddosk 1 day
- 3) St. Petersburg 2 days
- 4) Omsk 2 days
- 5) Irkhutsk 2 days

I am directed to request you to kindly request the Indian Missions in Russia and the other places the Commission proposes to visit to prepare programme and make necessary arrangements for the visit of the Commission as was done on the occasion of the visit of the Commission to Japan.

The Indian Missions may also be requested to arrange accommodation, transport (both for movement in Moscow and for visit to other places as mentioned above), interpreters etc.

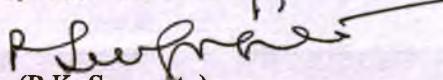
As requested earlier, the Government of India may be moved to request the Governments of Russia and the other concerned States of the Russian Federation to give free access to the records / documents in the archives named in the letter and also in the earlier correspondence on the subject.

After receiving your reply, the Home Ministry will be moved for according necessary sanction for the tour and also for the expenditure to be incurred for visit to Moscow and the other places mentioned above.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

With best wishes,

Yours

Sincerely,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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July 21. 2004

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FOR SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE, DIRECTOR GENERAL
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Warm regards,


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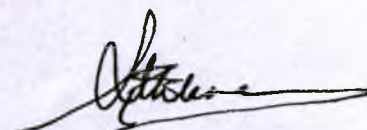
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With best wishes,

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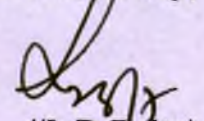
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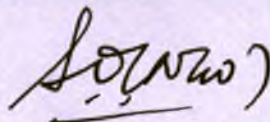
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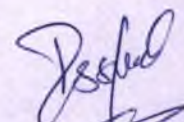
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FROM : FOREIGN NEW DELHI

TO : INDEMBASSY MOSCOW

[FAX : 886-2-2757-6117]

FOR SHRI VIRANDER K. PAUL, FIRST SECRETARY (POL)
FROM
L.D.RALTE, DIRECTOR (CNV)

Sl. No. (16)

REFERENCE PROPOSED VISIT OF A JMCI TEAM TO RUSSIA. IN KEEPING WITH THE SUGGESTION OF THE INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL STUDIES, THE COMMISSION NOW PROPOSES TO VISIT RUSSIA FROM **21ST SEPTEMBER 2004.**

2. THE **PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME** OF THE JMCI TEAM, WHICH WILL COMPRISE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION- JUSTICE M.K.MUKHERJEE AND THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION- SHRI P.K.SENGUPTA, IS AS UNDER:-

I : MOSCOW (3 DAYS)

- A) MEETING WITH RUSSIAN SCHOLARS OF THE INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL STUDIES.
- B) TO MEET AND EXAMINE, IF NECESSARY, THE WITNESSES MENTIONED IN THE JMCI LIST FORWARDED TO YOU EARLIER (COPY ENCLOSED AGAIN).
- C) STUDY DOCUMENTS, RECORDS ETC. RELATING TO NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE, IF ANY, IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE FSB AND THE ARCHIVES OF THE FOREIGN SECRET SERVICE.

II. ST. PETERSBURG (2 DAYS).

- A) TO EXAMINE WITNESSES, IF AVAILABLE
- B) TO EXAMINE DOCUMENTS, RECORDS ETC., IF ANY, RELEVANT TO THE POINTS OF INQUIRY IN THE ARCHIVES AT ST. PETERSBURG.

III. OMSK (2 DAYS)

- A) TO EXAMINE WITNESSES, IF AVAILABLE;

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- B) TO EXAMINE RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS, IF ANY, RELEVANT TO THE POINTS OF INQUIRY IN THE STATE ARCHIVES AT OMSK.

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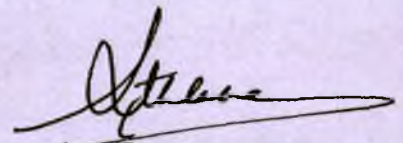
V. IRKHUTSK (2 DAYS): SAME AS STATED IN II AND III

3. FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS MAY PLEASE BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT OF THE TEAM:-

- A) HOTEL ACCOMODATION MAY BE BOOKED FOR THE TEAM.
- B) TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENT FOR THE TEAM (BOTH FOR MOVEMENT WITHIN MOSCOW AND FOR VISIT TO OTHER PLACES) MAY BE MADE.
- C) A SENIOR OFFICER OF THE MISSION MAY BE EARMARKED AS LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE COMMISSION.
- D) A STENOGRAPHER MAY BE SPARED FOR RECORDING THE EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES WHO AGREE TO DEPOSE BEFORE THE COMMISSION.
- E) AN INTERPRETER WOULD NEED TO BE DEPUTED WITH THE TEAM DURING THE DURATION OF THE VISIT.
- F) PROVISION OF A TAPE-RECORDER FOR THE HEARINGS OF THE COMMISSION MAY BE MADE.
- G) ARRANGEMENTS FOR VIDEO RECORDING/STILL PHOTOGRAPHY OF IMPORTANT MEETINGS/ INTERACTIONS WOULD NEED TO BE MADE, AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION.
- H) IDENTIFICATION/PROVISION OF A VENUE (HALL/ROOM) FOR FORMAL DEPOSITION OF WITNESSES/ MEETINGS ETC.
- I) GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA AND OTHER CONCERNED STATES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION MAY BE REQUESTED TO FACILITATE THE JMCI TEAM FOR FREE ACCESS TO RECORDS/ DOCUMENTS IN THE ARCHIVES IDENTIFIED EARLIER.

4. AS ALREADY INDICATED, THE PROGRAMME OF THE COMMISSION IS TENTATIVE AND PROVISIONAL. GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD CONFIRM THE TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MADE AT YOUR END BY RETURN FAX SO THAT THE JMCI CAN PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING SANCTION FROM THE MHA.

Warm regards,


(L.D. RALTE)
DIRECTOR (CNV)

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FROM : FOREIGN NEW DELHI

TO : INDIA-TAIPEI ASSOCIATION, TAIPEI
[FAX : 886-2-2757-6117]

FOR SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE, DIRECTOR GENERAL
FROM
L.D.RALTE, DIRECTOR (CNV)

REFERENCE PROPOSED VISIT OF A JMCI TEAM TO TAIWAN. THE
INFORMATION PROVIDED BY YOU WAS FORWARDED TO THE COMMISSION.

2. JMCI HAS INDICATED ITS PREFERENCE FOR HOTELS WHERE
BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED IN THE ROOM RENT. THE COMMISSION FEELS
THAT THE RATES FOR ROOMS QUOTED BY THE GRAND HYATT HOTEL ARE
TOO HIGH AND HAS SUGGESTED LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVE HOTELS IN
TAIPEI WHERE ROOM RENT IS INCLUSIVE OF BREAKFAST CHARGES. A
COPY OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM THE JMCI IN THIS REGARD IS
ENCLOSED.

3. GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD DO THE NEEDFUL AND REVERT TO
US WITH THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AT THE EARLIEST.

Warm regards,

(Signature)
(L.D.RALTE)
DIRECTOR (CNV)

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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
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D.O.No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/113

July 22, 2004

Dear *Sri Ralte*,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-XII dated July 07, 2004 regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Taiwan. I am directed to say that, on examining the hotel tariff of the Grand Hyatt Hotel sent by you along with your above-quoted d.o. letter, the Commission feels that the rates for rooms quoted by that hotel are too high. Moreover, the Commission has come to learn that the rates of the rooms quoted by the hotel do not include breakfast and that the charge of breakfast per diem is NT \$ 650 + 10% service.

The Commission has obtained the rates of some other hotels in Taipei through internet. These hotels are the Landis Taipei, The Grand Formosa Regent Taipei, The Sherwood Taipei, The Gloria Prince Hotel Taipei, etc. It appears that the rates of rooms in these hotels are not only much lower than the rates quoted by the Grand Hyatt, but also these rates include buffet breakfast. All these hotels are, as it appears from the internet, 5-Star Hotels.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly enquire and communicate to the Commission whether rooms at rates lower than the rates quoted by the Grand Hyatt Hotel may be available in Taipei for the stay of the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission there for 3 (three) days. The rates of the rooms which include breakfast are definitely preferable.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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D.O.No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/112

July 21, 2004

Dear

I am directed to refer to your d.o.letter no 25/4/NGO-Vol..XII dt. July 15, 2004 regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Russia and to say that, considering the circumstances as stated in the third paragraph of your d.o. letter referred to above, the Commission proposes to visit Russia in the month of September, 2004 for the purposes mentioned in my d.o. letter no.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/93 dt. June 28, 2004.

Provisional programme of the Commission is to start for Moscow on September 21, 2004 and visit the following places for the purposes mentioned against the respective places :-

1) MOSCOW

- a) Meeting with Russian scholars of the Institute of Oriental Studies.
- b) To meet and examine, if necessary, the witnesses mentioned in my above- quoted d.o. letter dated June 28, 2004.
- c) Study the documents, records etc. relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, if any, in the archives of the FSB, previously known as KGB, and the archives of the Foreign Secret Service.

2) ST. PETERSBURG

- a) To examine witnesses, if available
- b) To examine documents, records etc., if any, relevant to the points of inquiry in the archives at St.Petersburg.

3) OMSK

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- b) To examine records and documents, if any, relevant to the points of inquiry in the State archives at Omsk.

4) PADDOSK: As stated in the case of (2) and (3) above.

5) IRKHUTSK: Same as in the (2) and (3) above

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The duration of the stay of the Commission at the places it intends to visit may be as follows :-

- 1) Moscow 3 days
- 2) Paddosk 1 day
- 3) St. Petersburg 2 days
- 4) Omsk 2 days
- 5) Irkhutsk 2 days

I am directed to request you to kindly request the Indian Missions in Russia and the other places the Commission propose to visit to prepare itinerary and make necessary arrangements for the visit of the Commission to be done on the occasion of the visit of the Commission to Japan.

The Indian Missions may also be requested to arrange accommodation, transport (both for movement in Moscow and for visit to other places as mentioned above), interpreters etc.

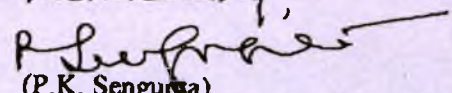
As requested earlier, the Government of India may be moved to request the Governments of Russia and the other concerned States of the Russian Federation to give free access to the records / documents in the archives named in the letter and also in the earlier correspondence on the subject.

After receiving your reply, the Home Ministry will be moved for according necessary sanction for the tour and also for the expenditure to be incurred for visit to Moscow and the other places mentioned above.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

With best wishes,

Yours

Sincerely,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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PURPOSE OF PROPOSED VISIT TO RUSSIA

- 1) Examination of witnesses whose names have transpired as material witnesses from the affidavits and depositions of the deponents Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy and some others. The names of the witnesses proposed to be examined are:

- a) E.N.Komorov
Sr. Research Professor
Institute of Oriental Studies
Academy of Sciences
Moscow.
- b) A.Kolesnikov
A former Major of the Warsaw Pact
- c) A.V.Raikov
Professor
Lipetsk State Teachers' Training University
Russia
- d) U.L.Kuznets
Finance Academy
Lenin Gradskii
Schosse House 49
Room No. 392
- e) A.V.Turadzeve
Asst. Editor
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2) Documents and Records

The depositions and affidavits of some of the deponents and some documents already in the possession of the Commission tend to show that some records and documents relating to the alleged existence of Netaji in the erstwhile U.S.S.R. after the alleged air crash are likely to be available in the following archives :-

- a) Former K.G.B. Archives now FSB (Federal Security Bureau Archives)
- b) Archives Omsk
- c) Archives at Paddolsk
- d) Archives at Iskhutsk

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The Commission wants to visit these archives to study the documents and for this the Government of Russian Federation has to be formally requested by the Government of India to access to the Commission to the records and documents in these archives.

One of the witnesses named above namely Mr. A.V.Raikov has informed the Jawaharlal Nehru Culture Centre, Embassy of India in Russian Federation, that the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, is ready to organise a meeting of the Russian Scholars dealing with the problem regarding Netaji with the Commission. (A copy of the letter along with a copy of the forwarding letter of the J.S.(CNV) , is attached).



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From Foreign New Delhi

To Indembassy Tokyo

Shri Biren Nanda, DCM from Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV)

This has reference to the correspondence relating to the proposed visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan.

The Commission has now sent a tentative itinerary of the proposed visit (copy enclosed). The team of the Commission will comprise the Chairman, Mr. Justice M.K.Mukherjee, and the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. P.K.Sengupta. Hotel accommodation will have to be booked for them as per the enclosed itinerary. In addition, the Mission may make the following arrangements.

1. A senior officer of the Mission may be earmarked as the Liaison officer for the Commission.
2. A stenographer may be spared for recording the examination of the one witness who has agreed to formally depose before the Commission. Since there is only one witness to be examined, it is presumed that sparing a stenographer of the Mission will not be a problem.
3. An interpreter is required to be hired for the duration of the visit.
4. Arrangements for video recording of the informal meeting with the persons who have agreed to meet the Commission at the Renkoji Temple and also facility for taking photographs at the Renkoji Temple.
5. Provision of a hall/room in the Chancery for the formal deposition of the witness. Alternatively, if this is not possible, hiring of a room in a hotel for the said purpose.
6. Hiring of a car for the duration of the visit.
7. Provision of tape-recorder for the hearing of the Commission.

As already indicated, the programme of the Commission is only tentative. In case the final itinerary is altered and changes in logistics are necessitated, we will let you know.

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Vijay Gokhale
(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)
13.08.2002

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2. One of the issues raised in para-1 of your letter relates to the facilitation of a proposed visit by a Commission team to Russia.

3. Our Embassy in Moscow had taken up the matter with Professor Rybakov, Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies. The Institute has conveyed that it would not be possible to hold the proposed meeting for Justice Mukherjee with Russian scholars in July and August 2004 (The reason could be that this is summer vacation period in Russia, as clarified by the Mission). The Institute has also conveyed that it is presently busy preparing an international academic conference scheduled to take place in August. The Institute has thus suggested that Justice Mukherjee might like to consider visiting Moscow **after September 20, 2004 or in October 2004**. Such a timeframe would help the Institute organise the proposed meeting in a proper manner.

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(L.D.Ralte)

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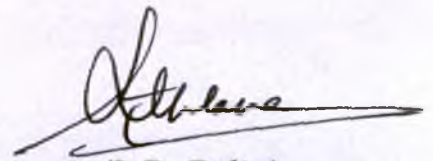
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Shri Virander Paul, First Secretary(Pol) from Director (CNV)

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Regards,


(L.D. Ralte)

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Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to your message of June 28, 2004 regarding the recent call on EAM by the Chairman of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), Justice M.K. Mukherjee, during which a proposal for a visit of Justice M.K. Mukherjee to Russia was also discussed with a view to enable JMCI to meet with Russian scholars who are engaged in studying the life and death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Your message and the Statement of Purpose of the visit have been internally discussed in the Mission for further course of action.

According due attention to the matter, we have approached Professor Rybakov, Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies in Moscow and the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in this regard. We would be closely following up the proposal and keep you updated on the responses of the Russian side.

For your background information and record, enclosed please find copies of our communications to Professor Rybakov of the Institute of the Oriental Studies and the Russian MFA.

With kind regards,

(Signature)
(Virander Paul)
First Secretary (Pol)
July 8, 2004

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
Moscow

No. MOS/POL/125/01/90

July 7, 2004

Dear Professor Rybakov,

Kindly refer to your Letter No. 14106/4115-216 dated July 2, 2003 regarding possible assistance of your esteemed Institute to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), enquiring into the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. In your above letter, you had kindly offered that your Institute would be prepared to organize a meeting for the members of JMCI with Russian historians dealing with this subject.

2. This is to inform that there is a proposal for a visit by the Commission headed by Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee to Russia to meet with Russian scholars engaged in studying Netaji's life and death. The visit could take place later this month or in August 2004.

3. It would be deeply appreciated if a favourable consideration is given to the above proposal, and possible dates for the visit may kindly be indicated to the Embassy at an early date. It would be useful if details of the Russian scholars whom you would be inviting for the meeting with Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee may also please be communicated to us.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Virander Paul)

Professor R.B. Rybakov,
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No. SA/159/04**July 5, 2004**

The Embassy of India in Moscow presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and has the honour to refer to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), enquiring into the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. In this connection, there is a proposal for a visit of Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee to Russia in July/August 2004. As part of the visit, the Commission would like to visit the following Archives in Russia to study the documents on the subject under reference:

- (i) Archives of the Federal Security Service (former KGB)
- (ii) Archives in Omsk
- (iii) Archives in Padolsk
- (iv) Archives in Irkutsk

It would be deeply appreciated if the esteemed Ministry may kindly confirm the possibility for Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee to access the above mentioned Archives.

The Embassy of India in Moscow avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation the assurances of its highest consideration.

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII

July 7, 2004

Dear Sir,

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, has requested for obtaining a copy of a 'Diary' said to belong to Lord Mountbatten- the last Viceroy of India. This 'Diary' apparently has been referred to in depositions before the JMCI.

2. We had sought the assistance of our Mission in London for obtaining a copy of the said 'Diary'. Acting High Commissioner Shri Satyabrata Pal has informed us that the book is out of print and not traceable in the UK. He has however, forwarded a reference to an Australian Bookseller in Brisbane, Queensland (Australia), obtained through an internet search, who appears to have a copy of the book (Titled: "Personal Diaries of Admiral Louis Mountbatten.... Supreme Allied Commander South East Asia 1943-1946").

3. We would request you to look into the matter and make all possible efforts to obtain a copy of the said 'Diary' and arrange to forward the same to us expeditiously for onward transmission to the JMCI.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)
(L.D.Ralte)

Shri P.P.Shukla,
High Commissioner of India,
Canberra
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII

July 07, 2004

Dear

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III/93 dated June 28, 2004 regarding discussion held between Hon'ble Chairman of the JMCI and Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, on various issues concerning the work of the Commission.

2. One of the issues raised in para-3 of your letter relates to the facilitation of a proposed visit by a Commission team to Taiwan in September 2004. The required information sought by you in this connection is given below:-

- (a) Hotel tariff for Grand Hyatt Hotel in Taipei is enclosed. The rates are subject to 10% Service charges. The Commission may decide which suite/rooms are appropriate for the members. Decision in this regard may be communicated urgently for facilitating booking/ reservation of rooms.
- (b) Cost of hiring a car in Taipei is NT \$ 1400/- for 3 hours. For each additional hour- the charges are NT \$300/hour. For airport pick-up, the charges are NT \$1200/-.
- (c) Fees for interpreter, Chinese to English and vice versa, is NT \$12,000/- for 3 hours and NT \$24000/- for 6 hours.
- (d) Per diem DA in Taipei is US\$75.
- (e) The exchange rate is 1 US\$ = NT \$33 approximately.

3. We trust the above information would be adequate for drawing up the detailed programme of the visit.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(L.D.Ralte)

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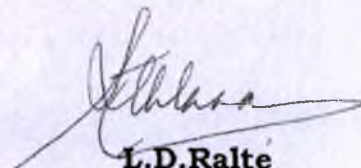
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With regards,


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D.O. No. JMCI/Oversaeas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/102

July 06, 2004

Dear *Sri Ralte*,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-XI dated June 28, 2004 regarding deputation of someone from your mission in Washington or some competent Indian scholars in the U.S.A to do the job of archival research at various American repositories of relevant historical documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The matter has been pending since long. The information asked for by you in the above-quoted d.o. letter has already been furnished in para 4 of my d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(iii)/93 dated June 28, 2004. For ready reference a photocopy of the d.o. letter is enclosed.

I am directed to request you to kindly do the needful to expedite the matter.

Warm regards,

Yours *Sincerely,*

P. Sengupta
 (P.K. Sengupta)
 Secretary

Encl: As stated above.

Sri L.D.Ralte
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D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/93

June 28, 2004

Dear

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Apropos the discussion of the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission had with the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs in New Delhi on 25.6.04 in course of which you, Shri Asoke Kantha, Joint Secretary (EA) & Shri R.Venu, Director (EAMO) were present, I am directed to request you to kindly take necessary action to resolve the following pending issues to enable the Commission to complete its inquiry without any avoidable delay:-

- 1) Visit of the Commission to Russia for examination of witnesses and documents in different archives of Russian Federation. The witnesses whose names and addresses are available to this Commission are as follows :-

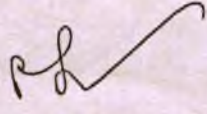
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Subsequently, in reply to a letter dated 17.06.03 of Sri Jayant Prasad, the then Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Mr. Albert Thibault, Deputy Chief of Mission of Embassy in U.S.A., suggested that as a practical matter the Commission select an Indian scholar or Post Graduate student working in the U.S.A. to perform research work at various American repositories of historical documents relevant to Netaji. A copy of this letter dated June 23, 2003 of Mr Thibault was received along with the d.o. no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(I) dated July 15, 2003 (copies enclosed). After that, the Commission in its letter no. Overseas/Witnesses/2002-2003/70(Vol.II)/188 dated 5.8.03 requested Sri Vijay Gokhale, the then Joint Secretary (CNV), to send particulars of some suitable willing Indian scholars or students of Post Graduate class preferably on Law/History/Political Science/Economics etc. indicating/suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the job of archival research at various American repositories of historical documents relevant to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose free of remuneration for academic interest or for their love and respect for Netaji.

I am directed to request you to kindly request the Govt. of Russian Federation to give access to the Commission to the archival documents in the archives already mentioned and make the documents and records relevant to the point of inquiry available to the Commission.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

Yours


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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June 28, 2004

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(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

the deponents before the Commission and also documents in the possession of the Commission, likely to be available, are as follows :-

- a. The archives of the FSB, previously known as KGB;
- b. Other official archives in Moscow, Paddolsk, Omsk and Irkutsk

2) DNA test of the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji Temple.

In this connection, your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-XI dated 31.5.04 and my d.o. letter no. JMCI/EO/2000-2003/83(iii)/86 dated 17.6.04 in reply thereto may kindly be referred to. It may be intimated whether the Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple has been formally requested to make available the alleged ashes to the experts who may be appointed by the Commission for DNA test of the same. The Commission may also be informed whether any reply to such request, if made, has been received.

3) Proposed visit to Taiwan

I would request you to kindly refer to my d.o. letter JMCI/Taiwan/2003-2004/89/83 dated 15.6.04 on the subject. In that letter you had been requested to kindly obtain information on the following points from the India-Taipei Association and transmit the same to the Commission for taking further necessary action:

- a. Hotel charges for an appropriate suite for the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission and an appropriate room for the Secretary of the Commission for three days in Taiwan;
- b. Transport charges in Taiwan;
- c. Fees of an Interpreter for interpretation from Chinese to English and vice versa.

The Commission needs the above information in order to furnish the Ministry of Home Affairs with the probable expenses of the Commission in Taiwan. It has been given to understand that the Commission will have to carry adequate fund to meet all expenditure in Taiwan. The Commission intends to visit Taiwan sometime in September 2004. As soon as the reply from you to our query regarding the probable expenses in Taiwan will be received, a detailed programme of the visit will be drawn up and sent to your Ministry and Ministry of Home Affairs.

4) To engage some suitable willing Indian scholars or students of Post Graduate class preferably of Law/History/Political Science/Economics etc. to do the job of archival research at various American Repositories of relevant historical documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

The aforesaid matter has been pending since long. In this connection I would request you to kindly refer to the second para of the d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-IX dated April 22, 2003 of Sri Vijay Gokhale, the then Joint Secretary (CNV) and its enclosure namely the letter dated March 13, 2003 from James J.Hastings, Director, Textual Archives Services Division, National Archives and Records Administration, U.S.A. addressed to Sri S.K.Behera, Counsellor, Embassy of India (Chancery), Washington (copies enclosed).

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FAX

To: Foreign New Delhi

Director (CNV) from AHC

This is in reply to your letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI of 5th April asking us to buy a copy of the 'Diary' of Lord Mountbatten.

2. Unfortunately, the book is not only out of print, it seems to be almost impossible to trace in the United Kingdom. After an internet search, we had been guided towards a bookseller in Canada, but that has proved to be a false lead. We are now told that a copy of the book is available in Brisbane.

3. I attach a copy of the printout from the relevant website. You might wish to ask our High Commissioner in Canberra to see if the book can be picked up there.

*I have also discovered
some more possible
sources, but cannot
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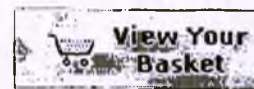
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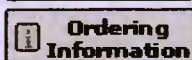
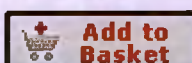
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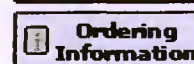
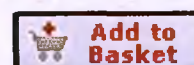
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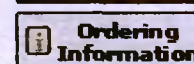
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Bookseller: [Bookman-Huntington](#) (Huntington Beach, CA, U.S.A.)

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5. **PERSONAL DIARY OF ADMIRAL THE LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN Supreme Allied Commander, South-East Asia, 1943-1946 .**
Ziegler, Philip (Editor) .:

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Book Description: London: Collins, 1988 . (6.25"X9.50") black Hardback with dustwrapper, xiii + 357pp, index, B&W photos, "frank, revealing and

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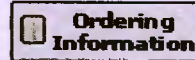
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6. **Personal Diary of Admiral the Lord Louis Mountbatten. Supreme Allied Commander, South-East Asia, 1943-1946**

Mountbatten, Admiral the Lord Louis. Edited by Philip Ziegler



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Book Description: London William Collins Sons & Co (1988). Fine, dj. 357pp. Appendices. Frank, revealing and sometimes alarmingly honest, Mountbatten's diaries pull no punches and spare no reputations. Illustrated by Photographs. 1st Edition. Binding is Hardcover.
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7. **The Diaries of Lord Louis Mountbatten 1920 - 1922 Tours with the Prince of Wales** (ISBN:0002176084)
Ziegler, Philip (edited by)



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Book Description: Collins, London, 1987. Good red hardcover, spine slanted, remainder mark on bottom of pages, in fair dust jacket (worn and scratched, unpriced), 315 pages plus 20 pages of black & white photos; ISBN 0-00-217608-4. "In March 1920 Louis Mountbatten, an ambitious and eager naval officer aged nineteen, accompanied his cousin the Prince of Wales on a royal tour of New Zealand and Australia. Officially, he was Flag Lieutenant to the Prince's Chief of Staff, Admiral Halsey, but his real role was that of minder and confidant to his moody and often tiresome cousin. He

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was asked to keep an informal diary recording the more private side of the tour, and did so with gusto, describing in ribald and often libellous detail the various contretemps and confusions that occurred behind the scenes of what was outwardly a decorous and well-organized affair. Its comments about some of the more prominent personalities in New Zealand and Australia were particularly forthright, and would have caused great embarrassment if published - a remote possibility which became alarmingly real when the ship's doctor absconded with one of the twenty copies and tried to sell it to an American journalist. In 1921 there followed a tour of India and Japan. This time Mountbatten's diary was strictly for family consumption and therefore fuller and more personal. It provides a vivid account of life in British India and among the maharajas at the highest possible level, yet also paints a most revealing portrait of the Prince of Wales, with all his charm and desire to please, yet with the weaknesses also apparent. The visit to Japan, because the background is less well known, is of especial interest. Whether catching duck with a butterfly net, ordering a kimono for his fiancée, or sneaking a look at a new Japanese battleship, Mountbatten is unfailingly observant, interested and amused. Bookseller Inventory #AWA761

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8. **[Personal Diary of Admiral The Lord Louis Mountbatten: Supreme Allied Commander, South-East Asia, 1943-1946](#)**
Ziegler, Philip (ed.)



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Book Description: London: Collins. 8 vo., 357 pp. plus 16 pp. of b/w photos. 1st Ed. 1988. With Mountbatten in Asia, the dreadful British situation there was redressed: Burma and Malaya were reconquered, Vietnam and Indonesia occupied, the region nursed back to economic and political stability. Mountbatten's diaries pull no punches and spare no reputations. Black cloth. Minor edgewear and rubbing; o/w VG+ in VG pictorial d.j. with some chipping and rubbing. Bookseller Inventory #1984

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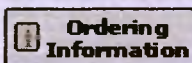
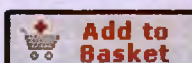
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11. **PERSONAL DIARY OF ADMIRAL THE LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN. Supreme Allied Commander, South-East Asia, 1943-1946.**



ZIEGLER, Philip, Editor.

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Book Description: Collins. London. 1988. First Edition; pages xiii, 357, appendices, index; 29 photos, map; hardcover in dust jacket; fine condition. Supreme Allied Commander, South-East Asia, 1943-1946. Includes the retaking of Burma and Malaya, Mountbatten's diaries pull no punches and spare no reputations, of both Southeast Asian and World War II interest. Bookseller Inventory #11672

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12. [Personal Diary of Admiral the Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander, South-East Asia, 1943-1946](#) (ISBN:0002176076)
Louis Mountbatten, Philip Ziegler



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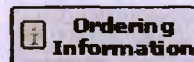
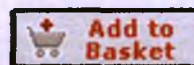
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Book Description: London: Collins, 1988. Hard Cover. Fine/Fine. First Edition. ISBN:0002176076. Frank, revealing and sometimes alarmingly honest, these diaries pull no punches and spare no reputations. They are of the first importance to all those interested in South-East Asia or the Second World War, and fascinating in the light they throw on a complex and larger-than-life personality. Bookseller Inventory #000110

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13. [Personal Diary Of Admiral The Lord Louis Mountbatten: Supreme Allied Commander, South- East Asia, 1943-1946.](#)
ZIEGLER, Philip (Edited by).



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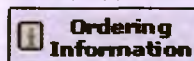
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14. **[Personal Diary of Admiral The Lord Louis Mountbatten - Supreme Allied Commander South-East Asia, 1943-1946](#)** (ISBN:0002176076)
Mountbatten, Lord Louis (edited by Philip Ziegler)



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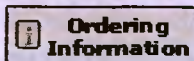
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15. **[PERSONAL DIARY OF ADMIRAL LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN ZIEGLER, PHILIP \(ED\)](#)**



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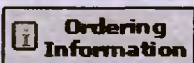
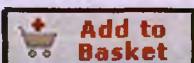
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Book Description: 1988. COLLINS, 1st edn, xiii + 357 pp, ill, d/w, fine. 1988. COLLINS, 1st edn, xiii + 357 pp, ill, d/w, fine. The personal diaries of the Supreme Allied Commander of South East Asia 1943 - 1946. Bookseller Inventory #03907

Bookseller: [The Military Collector](#) (Todmorden, WY, United Kingdom)

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16. **[Personal Diary of Admiral the Lord Louis Mountbatten](#)** (ISBN:0002176076)
Philip Ziegler



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Book Description: London: Collins, 1988. Cloth. Very Good/Very Good. First Edition. 8vo - over 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " - 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ " tall. Covering the period when Mountbatten was Supreme Allied Commander in South-East Asia from 1943 to 1946, these frank and sometimes alarmingly-honest diaries pull no punches and spare no reputations. A fascinating, revealing and important work, illustrated with a good selection of B&W photographs. Spine very slightly cocked. Bookseller Inventory #G009

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17. **PERSONAL DIARY OF ADMIRAL,
THE LORD LOUIS
MOUNTBATTEN. SUPREME
ALLIED COMMANDER SOUTH-
EAST ASIA, 1943-1946.**
Ziegler, Philip (editor).



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Book Description: 1988 Collins. Originally much surprised to be offered the post of Supreme Allied Commander, Mountbatten was soon getting on with the job. Frank, revealing and sometimes alarmingly honest, these diaries pull no punches and spare no reputations. They are fascinating in the light they throw in a complex and larger-than-life personality. First. Mint. dj. 9.5x6.5. 357pp. 29 b/w photos. Bookseller Inventory #3768

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18. **Personal Diary of Admiral The Lord
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Book Description: London Collins 1988. 8vo original

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19. **THE DIARIES OF LORD LOUIS
MOUNTBATTEN 1920-1922.**

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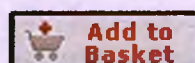
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Book Description: 1987 Collins. . First. Book - Good,
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20. **PERSONAL DIARY OF ADMIRAL
THE LORD LOUIS
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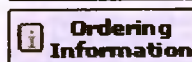
Book Description: 1st ed., 1988. Xiii + 357 pp., several
photo-plates + a map. D.j., 24 x 16cm. FINE. When
Churchill asked Mountbatten to go to Asia in 1943 as
Supreme Commander the Japanese were rampant on the
frontiers of India, a British counter-attack had been
crushed, morale was low and defeat seemed very
possible. Mountbattens diary tells how, little by little, the
situation was redressed, Burma and Malaya re-
conquered, Vietnam and Indonesia occupied, the region
nursed back to economic and political stability. It
describes his frustration at neglect by Washington and
Whitehall, his admiration for Slim and MacArthur, his
contempt for certain other allied leaders, his heated rows
with Somerville, and his uneasy fencing with Chiang
Kai-shek. A constant and sometimes comical theme in
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21. **Personal Diary of Admiral the Lord Louis Mountbatten: Supreme Allied Commander, South-East Asia, 1943-1946** (ISBN:0002176076)
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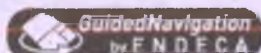
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For ✓	Shri Ashok K. Kantha Joint Secretary (EA)	From	Biren Nanda, Deputy Chief of Mission
Date	June 10, 2004	No.	TOK/102/2/03

Dear Ashok,

Ambassador has received a letter from Smt. Krishna Bose, Chairperson of the Netaji Research Bureau and former Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs. In her letter, she has conveyed that her son Prof. Sugata Bose, Gardinar Professor of History at the Harvard University, is visiting Tokyo and Kyoto from July 9-18, 2004 and wishes to call on Ambassador Tripathi during his visit to Tokyo.

This is for your information. The context is likely to be the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. We shall send a report after Prof. Bose calls on Ambassador.

With kind regards,

[Signature]

**Biren Nanda
Deputy Chief of Mission
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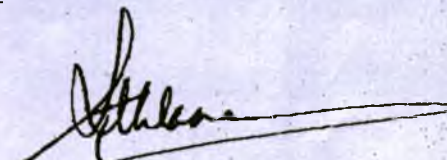
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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
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Secretary

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D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/93

June 28, 2004

Dear

Shri Ralle,

Apropos the discussion of the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission had with the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs in New Delhi on 25.6.04 in course of which you, Shri Asoke Kantha, Joint Secretary (EA) & Shri R.Venu, Director (EAMO) were present, I am directed to request you to kindly take necessary action to resolve the following pending issues to enable the Commission to complete its inquiry without any avoidable delay:-

- 1) Visit of the Commission to Russia for examination of witnesses and documents in different archives of Russian Federation. The witnesses whose names and addresses are available to this Commission are as follows :-

1. Mr.E.N.Komorov
Sr.Research Professor
Institute of Oriental Studies
Academy of Sciences, Moscow
2. Mr. A.Kolesnikov
A former Major of the Warsaw Pact
3. Mr. A.V.Raikov
Professor
Lipetsk State Teachers' Training University
Russia
4. Mr. U.L.Kuznets
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The archives in which relevant documents are, according to some of the deponents before the Commission and also documents in the possession of the Commission, likely to be available, are as follows :-

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- a. The archives of the FSB, previously known as KGB;
- b. Other official archives in Moscow, Paddolsk, Omsk and Irkutsk

2) DNA test of the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji Temple.

In this connection, your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-XI dated 31.5.04 and my d.o. letter no. JMCI/EO/2000-2003/83(iii)/86 dated 17.6.04 in reply thereto may kindly be referred to. It may be intimated whether the Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple has been formally requested to make available the alleged ashes to the experts who may be appointed by the Commission for DNA test of the same. The Commission may also be informed whether any reply to such request, if made, has been received.

3) Proposed visit to Taiwan

I would request you to kindly refer to my d.o. letter JMCI/Taiwan/2003-2004/89/83 dated 15.6.04 on the subject. In that letter you had been requested to kindly obtain information on the following points from the India-Taipei Association and transmit the same to the Commission for taking further necessary action:

- a. Hotel charges for an appropriate suite for the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission and an appropriate room for the Secretary of the Commission for three days in Taiwan;
- b. Transport charges in Taiwan;
- c. Fees of an Interpreter for interpretation from Chinese to English and vice versa.

The Commission needs the above information in order to furnish the Ministry of Home Affairs with the probable expenses of the Commission in Taiwan. It has been given to understand that the Commission will have to carry adequate fund to meet all expenditure in Taiwan. The Commission intends to visit Taiwan sometime in September 2004. As soon as the reply from you to our query regarding the probable expenses in Taiwan will be received, a detailed programme of the visit will be drawn up and sent to your Ministry and Ministry of Home Affairs.

4) To engage some suitable willing Indian scholars or students of Post Graduate class preferably of Law/History/Political Science/Economics etc. to do the job of archival research at various American Repositories of relevant historical documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

The aforesaid matter has been pending since long. In this connection I would request you to kindly refer to the second para of the d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-IX dated April 22, 2003 of Sri Vijay Gokhale, the then Joint Secretary (CNV) and its enclosure namely the letter dated March 13, 2003 from James J. Hastings, Director, Textual Archives Services Division, National Archives and Records Administration, U.S.A. addressed to Sri S.K. Behera, Counsellor, Embassy of India (Chancery), Washington (copies enclosed).

Subsequently, in reply to a letter dated 17.06.03 of Sri Jayant Prasad, the then Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Mr. Albert Thibault, Deputy Chief of Mission of Embassy in U.S.A., suggested that as a practical matter the Commission select an Indian scholar or Post Graduate student working in the U.S.A. to perform research work at various American repositories of historical documents relevant to Netaji. A copy of this letter dated June 23, 2003 of Mr. Thibault was received along with the d.o. no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(I) dated July 15, 2003 (copies enclosed). After that, the Commission in its letter no. Overseas/Witnesses/2002-2003/70(Vol.II)/188 dated 5.8.03 requested Sri Vijay Gokhale, the then Joint Secretary (CNV), to send particulars of some suitable willing Indian scholars or students of Post Graduate class preferably on Law/History/Political Science/Economics etc. indicating/suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the job of archival research at various American repositories of historical documents relevant to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose free of remuneration for academic interest or for their love and respect for Netaji.

I am directed to request you to kindly request the Govt. of Russian Federation to give access to the Commission to the archival documents in the archives already mentioned and make the documents and records relevant to the point of inquiry available to the Commission.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

Warm regards.

Yours

Sincerely,

P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Sri L.D.Ralte
Director (CNV)
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D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/93/1

June 28, 2004

Copy forwarded to Shri U. K. Kalra, Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001 for information

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated April 22, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to the Commission's letter No. Doc(For)/99-2000-56(IV)/398 dated 11.11.2002 relating to the archives in Russia. In this connection, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the reply received from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs through our Embassy in Moscow.

2. With reference to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70/433 dated 27.11.2002 regarding inter alia documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the USA, forwarded herewith is the response from the National Archives of USA and Records Administration, Maryland. Our Mission in Washington is following up with the other institutions mentioned by the National Archives of USA. Also, as suggested by this institution, we have asked our Mission in London to check with the British Public Record Office regarding availability of records pertaining to the communication between General Mac Arthur and Lord Mountbatten on Netaji.

3. With reference to your letter No. Doc(For)/99-2000/56(IV)/620 dated 31.3.2003, I would like to inform that our Post in St. Petersburg has been reminded to send the desired report.

4. Please also refer to your letter No. Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol II)/621 dated 1.4.2003. As desired by the Commission, the two letters have been forwarded to Moscow and St. Petersburg, respectively. As regards the Commission's request for taking up the matter with the Government of Russia of access to the archives of the Federal Security Bureau, we would like to draw your attention to the note verbale dated 28th June, 2001 from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (copy forwarded with our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VI dated 1.10.2001) which states that there are no records in this archive relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In this connection, we are enclosing another note verbale dated 20th March, 2003 from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterating the same position. In view of this, it is felt that another reference to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the same issue will not be of much use.

5. As desired by the Commission, we have asked our Embassy in Moscow to check with the witnesses indicated in the enclosure to the Commission's letter dated 1.4.2003 about their willingness to be examined by the Commission, and modalities of such examination.

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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March 13, 2003

S. K. Behera
Counsellor
Embassy of India
(Chancery)
2107 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Dr. Behera:

I am responding to your letter to Ms. Patrice Murray of March 10, 2003, regarding Subas Chandra Bose and the records at the National Archives and Records Administration at College Park, Maryland.

We could not locate any communications of General MacArthur with Lord Mountbatten and President Truman regarding Mr. Bose. It is possible that the Truman Presidential Library, the MacArthur Memorial Library, and the British Public Record Office would have copies of the correspondence you requested. Their addresses are:

MacArthur Memorial Library
MacArthur Square
Norfolk, VA 23510

Harry S. Truman Library
500 West U.S. Highway 24
Independence, MO 64050-1798

Public Record Office,
Kew
Richmond, Surrey
TW9 4DU
United Kingdom

We also could not locate a U.S. Navy intelligence report regarding Bose's activities from August 17 to 25, 1945. We did, however, locate a U.S. Army intelligence report indicating that he died at approximately 9pm on August 18, 1945; that he was cremated on August 22 or 23, 1945; and that the remains arrived in Tokyo, Japan on September 6, 1945. We are enclosing a copy of this report which is File Number 211203 of the Formerly Security-Classified Numerical Series of

Intelligence Documents ("ID File") June 1944-1955 (Entry 85A), Records of the Administrative Division of the Army Chief of Staff, Intelligence (G-2). These records are part of the Records of the Army Staff (Record Group 319) and were declassified in fiscal year 1974.

You will need to contact Princeton University for archival records they have and the Library of Congress and some other large library for the 1954 article that appeared in the magazine National Republic.

For Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) records regarding Mr. Bose you will need to contact that agency at:

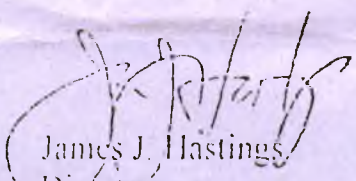
Information and Privacy Coordinator,
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505.

The records of the Central Intelligence Agency's predecessors, the Office of Strategic Services (1942-1945) and the Strategic Services Unit (1945-1946) are held by the National Archives. We have several indexes to these records that you or your representative(s) and/or the Justice Mukerjee Commission are welcome to use to identify records relating to Mr. Bose.

There are similar indexes to the Formerly Security-Classified Numerical Series of Intelligence Documents ("ID File") June 1944-1955 (Entry 85A) referenced above, as well as other military and naval intelligence records. There are undoubtedly records related to Mr. Bose in the records of the American Embassy and Consulates in India and a check of the indexes of the Central File of the General Records of Department of State (Record Group 59) indicates 7 references to him for the 1940-1949 period.

We are willing to assist the Indian Government identify records to use in our research room, but we are unable to undertake the research ourselves. For information about doing research at the National Archives, including hours, location, and procedures, please see the Research Room section of our agency's website: www.archives.gov. Additionally, I have ask Dr. Greg Bradsher on my staff to answer any questions you may have regarding records and research at the National Archives. He may be reached on 301-837-1535.

Sincerely,


James J. Hastings
Director

Textual Archives Services Division

JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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Kolkata, dated. 5th August '03.

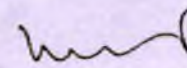
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Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CHV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the suggestion given in the third para of the letter dated 23.06.03 of Hy. Chief of Mission, Embassy of the U.S.A. enclosed to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. IX(I) dated 15.07.03 and to request you to kindly send particulars of some suitable willing Indian Scholars or students of post graduate class preferably of Law/ History/Political Science/Economics etc. indicating/suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the job of archival research at various American repositories of historical documents relevant to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose free of remunerations, for academic interest or for their love and respect for Netaji.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(I)

Dated July 15, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/75 dated 25.05.2003 regarding existence of documents relating to Netaji in the American Embassy and its Consulates in India.

This Ministry had made a reference on the issue to the US Embassy in Delhi. Their response, which is self-explanatory, is enclosed.

Please also refer to your letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceeding (Follow-Up)/99-2000/48(IV)/140 dated 24.6.2003 regarding enclosures to our letter of even number dated 11.6.03 which have not been received by the Commission. The said enclosures are being forwarded herewith.

I would also like to draw your attention to your letter addressed to Prof. Petchenko of St. Petersburg University which was sent with your letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol.II)/616 dated 28.3.03. We regret to inform you that the letter could not be handed over to Prof. Petchenko since he passed away last month after a long illness.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
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Embassy of the United States of America

New Delhi
June 23, 2003

Mr. Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary
US-Canada Division
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block
New Delhi

Ref: Your 1915/JS (USC) 03

Dear Jayant:

I write in reply to your letter of June 17, 2003 in which you refer to the obligation on the Government of India to provide certain information to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. You note that an inquiry by the Indian Embassy in Washington elicited a statement from the National Archives and Records Administration that the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and our Consulates in India would be in possession of records bearing on the Commission's deliberations.

However, notwithstanding the belief expressed by an official of the Archives, there are no documents relevant to the period or to the disappearance of Mr. Bose in storage at either the Embassy or the Consulates in India. The policy of the Department of State is to retire almost all official records (other than on administrative matters germane to property transactions etc.) on a regular basis with the objective of not maintaining records for a longer period than approximately two years. These records are forwarded to the National Archives for disposition and storage.

With reference to archival research at various American repositories of historical documents relevant to Mr. Bose, as identified in the letter which you have attached to your own communication, I would suggest that, as a practical matter, the Commission select an Indian scholar or graduate student working in the United States to perform such research. Such an approach might benefit

both the Commission and the scholar or graduate student while keeping expenses to a minimum.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Albert Thibault
Deputy Chief of Mission

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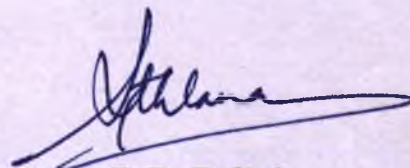
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Shri Virander Paul, First Secretary (Pol) from Director (CNV)

During his call on EAM, Chairman of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), Justice M.K. Mukherjee requested that our Embassy in Moscow help organize a visit by the Commission during July this year to meet with Russian scholars who are engaged in studying Netaji's life and death. Alternatively, he would be able to visit after August 23. EAM promised the Chairman that our Mission would lend their full support. A copy of the Statement of Purpose of the visit is attached. Mission may kindly locate these Russians and also discuss with Dr. Rybakov, Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies in Moscow. Your letter No.MOS/POL/125/01/90 of 3 March also refers.

2. Shall be grateful for an early reply.

Warm regards,


(L.D. Ralte)

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PURPOSE OF PROPOSED VISIT TO RUSSIA

- 1) Examination of witnesses whose names have transpired as material witnesses from the affidavits and depositions of the deponents Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy and some others. The names of the witnesses proposed to be examined are:

- a) E.N. Komorov
Sr. Research Professor
Institute of Oriental Studies
Academy of Sciences
Moscow.
- b) A. Kolesnikov
A former Major of the Warsaw Pact
- c) A.V. Raikov
Professor
Lipetsk State Teachers' Training University
Russia
- d) U.L. Kuznets
Finance Academy
Lenin Gradskii
Schosse House 49
Room No. 392
- e) A.V. Turadzeve
Asst. Editor
Asia and Africa Today
Institute of Oriental Studies
Academy of Sciences
Moscow

2) Documents and Records

The depositions and affidavits of some of the deponents and some documents already in the possession of the Commission tend to show that some records and documents relating to the alleged existence of Netaji in the erstwhile U.S.S.R. after the alleged aircrash are likely to be available in the following archives :-

- a) Former K.G.B. Archives now FSB (Federal Security Bureau Archives)
- b) Archives Omsk
- c) Archives at Paddolsk
- d) Archives at Iskhutsk

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The Commission wants to visit these archives to study the documents and for this the Government of Russian Federation has to be formally requested by the Government of India, to access to the Commission to the records and documents in these archives.

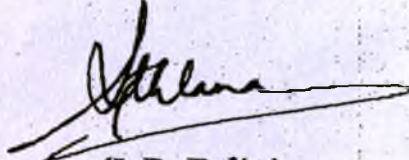
One of the witnesses named above namely Mr. A.V.Raikov has informed the Jawaharlal Nehru Culture Centre, Embassy of India in Russian Federation, that the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, is ready to organise a meeting of the Russian Scholars dealing with the problem regarding Netaji with the Commission. (A copy of the letter along with a copy of the forwarding letter of the J.S.(CNV), is attached).

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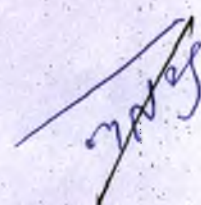
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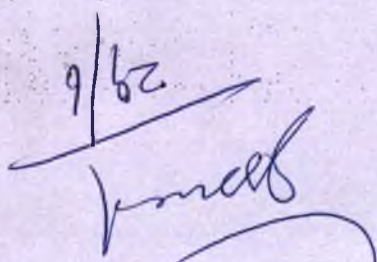
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Warm regards,


(L.D. Ralte)

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FAX MESSAGE

From: ITA, Taipei
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Shri L.D. Ralte from Vijay Gokhale

Reference your fax of 17th June 2004 regarding information requested by Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. The requested informations are as follows:

1. Hotel tariffs for Grand Hyatt Hotel in Taipei is enclosed. The rates are subject to 10% service charges. The Commission may decide which suite/rooms are appropriate for the members and let us know for purposes of booking.
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4. Per diem DA in Taipei is US \$ 75.
5. The exchange rate is 1 US \$ = NT \$ 33 approximately.

Warm regards,

V.K. Gokhale
(V.K. Gokhale)
Director General

To: 黃小姐

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